

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1043
(Legislative Council)
(Long-Term Care Committee)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a dementia care services program; to provide for a report to the legislative council; and to provide an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Dementia care services. As used in this section, dementia means the condition of an individual involving loss of memory and impairment of cognitive functions severe enough to interfere with the individual's daily life. The department shall contract with a private provider for a dementia care services program in each area of the state served by a regional human service center. The dementia care services must include:

1. Identifying available services within the region;
2. Providing information to medical professionals, law enforcement, and the public regarding the symptoms of dementia, the benefits of early detection and treatment, and the services available to individuals with dementia and their caregivers;
3. Assessing the needs of individuals with dementia and their caregivers;
4. Training care providers to manage and provide for the care of individuals with dementia;
5. Providing consultation services to individuals with dementia and their caregivers; and
6. Facilitating the referral of individuals with dementia and their caregivers to appropriate care and support services.

SECTION 2. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. During the 2009-10 interim, the department of human services shall report to the legislative council after June 30, 2010, regarding the outcomes of the dementia care services program, including the estimated long-term care and health care costs avoided, and improvement in disease management and caregiver assistance.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,200,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of providing the dementia care services program under section 1 of this Act for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011.