

HOUSE BILL NO. 1478

Introduced by

Representatives Carlson, Boucher

Senators Stenehjem, O'Connell

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-29-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to eligibility under the state children's health insurance program.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-29-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **50-29-04. Plan requirements.** The plan:

- 7 1. Must be provided through private contracts with insurance carriers;
- 8 2. Must allow conversion to another health insurance policy;
- 9 3. Must be based on an actuarial equivalent of a benchmark plan;
- 10 4. Must incorporate every state-required waiver approved by the federal government;
- 11 5. Must include community-based eligibility outreach services; and
- 12 6. Must provide:
 - 13 a. A net income eligibility limit of ~~one~~ two hundred ~~fifty~~ percent of the poverty
 - 14 line;
 - 15 b. A copayment requirement for each pharmaceutical prescription and for each
 - 16 emergency room visit;
 - 17 c. A deductible for each inpatient hospital visit;
 - 18 d. Coverage for:
 - 19 (1) Inpatient hospital, medical, and surgical services;
 - 20 (2) Outpatient hospital and medical services;
 - 21 (3) Psychiatric and substance abuse services;
 - 22 (4) Prescription medications;
 - 23 (5) Preventive screening services;
 - 24 (6) Preventive dental and vision services; and

- 1 (7) Prenatal services; and
- 2 e. A coverage effective date that is the first day of the month, following the date
- 3 of application and determination of eligibility.