

March 22, 2011

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2024

Page 1, line 1, after "12-44.1" insert "and two new sections to chapter 50-24.1"

Page 1, line 2, after "costs" insert ", inmate medical claims processing, and to provide medicaid coverage to inmates in certain situations"

Page 1, line 2, remove the first "and"

Page 1, line 4, after "inmates" insert "; to provide an appropriation; and to provide an effective date"

Page 3, after line 30, insert:

**"SECTION 5.** Two new sections to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code are created and enacted as follows:

**Processing of claims submitted on behalf of inmates.**

The department of human services shall process claims submitted by enrolled medical providers on behalf of inmates at county jails. Each county shall pay the department a processing fee for each claim submission. The department shall establish the processing fee and shall update the fee annually on July first. The processing fee must be based on the annual costs to the department of the claims processing operations divided by the annual volume of claims submitted. The department shall invoice each county for payment of the processing fee. Beginning July 1, 2011, the department of human services shall increase the claims processing fee to recover the cost of the medicaid claims system changes. The department shall deposit the portion of the fee associated with recovering the costs of the medicaid claims system changes in the general fund.

**Department to expand medicaid coverage.**

After implementation of the medicaid management information system, the department of human services shall expand medicaid coverage to include medicaid-covered services provided to an inmate of the state penitentiary or a county jail who would be eligible for medicaid if the inmate were not incarcerated and who is admitted to an inpatient hospital setting.

**SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$149,094, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of modifying the department's medicaid claims system to process claims submitted by enrolled medicaid providers on behalf of inmates of county jails under section 5 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013.

**SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$36,162, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, the sum of \$36,162, to the department of human services for the purpose of modifying the department's eligibility systems to process inpatient

hospital claims for inmates of the state penitentiary and county jails under section 5 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013.

**SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 5 of this Act becomes effective upon the completion of the necessary changes to the department of human services' medicaid claims processing and eligibility systems."

Renumber accordingly