

Introduced by

Senators Axness, Casper, Mathern

Representatives Hogan, Holman, Mooney

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to medical assistance coverage for certain services provided by pediatric  
3 therapists; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Physical therapy services, occupational therapy services, and speech therapy**  
8 **services - Licensed pediatric therapists.**

9 The department of human services shall adopt rules entitling licensed pediatric therapists to  
10 payment for physical therapy services, occupational therapy services, and speech therapy  
11 services provided to recipients of medical assistance.

12 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - PEDIATRIC**  
13 **THERAPISTS SERVICES.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the  
14 state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,750,000, or so much of the sum as  
15 may be necessary, and from special funds derived from federal funds, the sum of \$2,750,000,  
16 or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the  
17 purpose of providing payment for physical therapy services, occupational therapy services, and  
18 speech therapy services to recipients of medical assistance, for the biennium beginning July 1,  
19 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.