

Sixty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2029

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Human Services Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the implementation of a community behavioral health program; and to
3 provide an appropriation.

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

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

7 **Community behavioral health program.**

- 8 1. The department of human services shall establish and implement a community
9 behavioral health program to provide comprehensive community-based services for
10 individuals who have serious behavioral health conditions.
- 11 2. In developing the program, the department shall:
- 12 a. Establish a referral and evaluation process for access to the program.
- 13 b. Establish eligibility criteria that includes consideration of behavioral health
14 condition severity.
- 15 c. Establish discharge criteria and processes.
- 16 d. Develop program oversight and evaluation processes that include outcome and
17 provider reporting metrics.
- 18 e. Establish a system through which the department:
- 19 (1) Contracts with and pays behavioral health service providers;
- 20 (2) Supervises, supports, and monitors referral caseloads and the provision of
21 services by contract behavioral health service providers.
- 22 (3) Requires contract behavioral health service providers to accept eligible
23 referrals and to provide individualized care delivered through integrated
24 multidisciplinary care teams.

1 (4) Provides payments to contract behavioral health service providers on a per-
2 month per-referral basis based on a pay-for-performance model that
3 includes consideration of identified outcomes and the level of services
4 required.

5 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
6 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$5,250,000, or so much of the
7 sum as may be necessary, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income,
8 the sum of \$1,750,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of
9 human services for the purpose of implementing the community behavioral health program, for
10 the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.