

Sixty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1402

Introduced by

Representatives Mitskog, Schreiber-Beck

Senator Luick

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-06-42 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the substance use disorder treatment voucher system; and to provide an effective
3 date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-06-42 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **50-06-42. Substance use disorder treatment voucher system.**

8 1. The department shall establish and administer, within the limits of legislative
9 appropriations, a voucher system to address underserved areas and gaps in the
10 state's substance abuse treatment system and to assist in the payment of addiction
11 treatment services provided by licensed substance abuse treatment programs,
12 excluding regional human service centers, and hospital- or medical clinic-based
13 programs for medical management of withdrawal. An out-of-state licensed substance
14 abuse treatment program located within ~~five miles~~ [8.05 kilometers] of the North
15 Dakota border a bordering state may participate in the voucher program to serve an
16 underserved area of this state ~~identified~~ pursuant to the rules adopted by the
17 department. The department shall develop rules to include processes and
18 requirements for an out-of-state provider to receive reimbursement only for outpatient
19 and community-based services upon a provider completing an assessment of need
20 and receiving approval from the department.

21 2. Services eligible for the voucher program include only those levels of care recognized
22 by the American society of addiction medicine, with particular emphasis given to
23 underserved areas and programs. The department shall ensure that a licensed

1 substance abuse treatment program, hospital, and medical clinic program accepting
2 vouchers collects and reports process and outcome measures.
3 3. The department shall develop requirements and provide training and technical
4 assistance to a licensed substance abuse treatment program, hospital, and medical
5 clinic program accepting vouchers. A licensed substance abuse treatment program,
6 hospital, and medical clinic program accepting vouchers shall provide evidence-based
7 services.

8 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act is effective on July 1, 2022.