

Introduced by

Representatives Westlind, Tveit, Weisz

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 26.1-36-12.7 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to freedom of choice for health care services.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** Section 26.1-36-12.7 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and  
5 enacted as follows:

**6 26.1-36-12.7. Freedom of choice for health care services.**

7 1. As used in this section:

8 a. "Health care provider" includes an individual licensed under chapter 43-05,  
9 43-06, 43-12.1 as a registered nurse or as an advanced practice registered  
10 nurse, 43-13, 43-15, 43-17, 43-26.1, 43-28, 43-32, 43-37, 43-40, 43-41, 43-42,  
11 43-44, 43-45, 43-47, 43-58, or 43-60.

12 b. "Policy" means a health insurance policy, contract, or evidence of  
13 coverage on a group, individual, blanket, franchise, or association basis.

14 2. No health insurer, including the North Dakota Medicaid program, may obstruct patient  
15 choice by excluding a health care provider licensed under the laws of this state from  
16 participating on the health insurer's panel of providers if the provider is located within the  
17 geographic coverage area of the health benefit plan and is willing and fully qualified to meet  
18 the terms and conditions of participation as established by the health insurer.  
19 as established by the health insurer.