February 15, 2023

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2012

Page 1, line 2, after "services" insert "; to amend and reenact section 50-06-42 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the substance use disorder treatment voucher system"

Page 4, after line 17, insert:

"SECTION 8. AMENDMENT. Section 50-06-42 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

50-06-42. Substance use disorder treatment voucher system. (Retroactive application - See note)

- 1. The department shall establish and administer, within the limits of legislative appropriations, a voucher system to address underserved areas and gaps in the state's substance abuse treatment system and to assist in the payment of addiction treatment services provided by licensed substance abuse treatment programs, excluding regional human service centers, hospital- or medical clinic-based programs for medical management of withdrawal, and any institution for mental diseases in accordance with subsection 2. An out-of-state licensed substance abuse treatment program located within a bordering state may participate in the voucher program to serve an underserved area of this state pursuant to the rules adopted by the department. The department shall develop rules to include processes and requirements for an out-of-state provider to receive reimbursement only for outpatient and community-based services upon a provider completing an assessment of need and receiving approval from the department.
- 2. The department shall deny a licensed substance abuse treatment program's substance use disorder treatment voucher system application and deny reimbursement by the substance use disorder treatment voucher system if the licensed substance abuse treatment program is an institution for mental diseases and reimbursement is requested for residential beds added on or after July 1, 2020.
- 3. Services eligible for the voucher program include only those levels of care recognized by the American society of addiction medicine, with particular emphasis given to underserved areas and programs. The department shall ensure that a licensed substance abuse treatment program, hospital, and medical clinic program accepting vouchers collects and reports process and outcome measures.
- 4.3. The department shall develop requirements and provide training and technical assistance to a licensed substance abuse treatment program, hospital, and medical clinic program accepting vouchers. A licensed substance abuse treatment program, hospital, and medical clinic program accepting vouchers shall provide evidence-based services.

- 5.4. The department shall allocate funding appropriated for the substance use disorder treatment voucher as follows:
 - a. No more than forty-five percent of the appropriated amount may be allocated for residential substance use disorder services administered by licensed substance abuse treatment programs with more than sixteen beds.
 - b. The remaining appropriation must be allocated for residential programs with sixteen or fewer beds, nonresidential outpatient, and ancillary substance use disorder services administered by licensed substance abuse treatment programs."

Renumber accordingly