

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Tveit

1 A BILL for an Act to provide qualification criteria under the federal rural health transformation
2 program; and to provide an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. FEDERAL RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM -**

5 **QUALIFICATION CRITERIA.** For purposes of the federal rural health transformation program
6 during the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2027, the
7 department of health and human services shall develop qualification criteria under the initiative
8 to bring high-quality care closer to home, including:

9 1. To qualify as an eligible North Dakota rural health care facility:

- 10 a. Care must be provided and administered at a health care facility located more
11 than thirty-five miles from Bismarck, Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, Jamestown,
12 Minot, Watford City, and Williston; or
13 b. Care may be a collaborative effort with a health care facility located in Bismarck,
14 Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, Jamestown, Minot, Watford City, or Williston, but
15 must be administered at a facility located more than thirty-five miles from the
16 cities identified under this subsection.

17 2. To qualify as an eligible expenditure, an expenditure must enhance treatment available
18 at a health care facility located more than thirty-five miles from Bismarck, Dickinson,
19 Fargo, Grand Forks, Jamestown, Minot, Watford City, and Williston.

20 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective immediately upon its filing with
21 the secretary of state.