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S 1398. AREA AUTHORITY PROMPT PAY/INVOICES. *TO PROVIDE FOR PROMPT PAYMENT OF INVOICES SUBMITTED BY HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FOR SERVICES RENDERED UNDER CONTRACT WITH AREA AUTHORITIES OR COUNTY PROGRAMS.* Adds new GS 122C-123.2 to require prompt payment from an area authority or county program to claimant (a health care provider or facility that provides services under contract with area authority or county program). "Health care facility" is a facility licensed under GS Ch 122 or Ch 131E or is owned or operated by the State of North Carolina in which health services are provided to patients. Provides that within 30 days after receipt of invoice, area authority or county program must pay invoice, or send a notice of denial of invoice, or a notice that invoice is incomplete. Sets out requirements for notice when invoice is denied or incomplete. Provides that payments for services that are not made in accordance with this section shall bear interest at annual percentage rate of 18%. Provides for recovery of overpayments made to health care provider or health care facility.

Intro. by Hoyle.

Ref. to Insurance	GS 122C
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