

May 17, 2006

H 2077. STRENGTHEN MH/DD/SA PRIVATE PROVIDERS. Filed 5/17/06. *TO ASSIST PRIVATE PROVIDERS TO DELIVER MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES.* Amends GS 122C-3 to modify the definition of “licensable facility,” by removing any distinction between facilities that offer services to the mentally ill or developmentally disabled, on the one hand, and those that offer services to substance abusers, on the other. The new definition removes any reference to outpatient services. Amends GS 122C-112.1 (duties of Secretary of Health and Human Services) to require the Secretary to (1) implement standard forms, contracts, processes, and procedures to be used by area authorities and county programs with other public and private service providers; (2) adopt rules regarding what constitutes a clean claim for purposes of billing; (3) identify other areas of standardization that may be implemented without undermining the authority of area authorities and county programs; and (4) identify and eliminate processes and procedures that are duplicative or that generate unnecessary paperwork. Provides that any standard documents or processes must require providers to transmit to area authorities and county programs timely client information and outcome data. Amends GS 122C-142(a) to require area authorities to use any standard contract developed by the Secretary, but permits an authority to modify the contract to comply with court-imposed duties.

Intro. by Insko.

GS 122C

June 5, 2006

H 2077. STRENGTHEN MH/DD/SA PRIVATE PROVIDERS. Filed 5/17/06. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes amendment to GS 122C-112.1, which required that the Secretary of Health and Human Services standardize certain forms, contracts, and procedures used by area authorities and county programs, define what a clean claim is for billing purposes, and eliminate duplicative procedures that generate unnecessary paperwork.

June 28, 2006

H 2077. MENTAL HEALTH REFORM CHANGES (NEW). Filed 5/17/06. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Adds section amending GS 122C-102 by describing the purpose of the State Plan for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, and requiring the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to issue the plan every three years beginning July 1, 2007. Prohibits DHHS from adopting or implementing policies inconsistent with the plan without first consulting with a legislative committee. Deletes from the plan elements the DHHS organizational structure. Requires DHHS to adopt performance measures for assessing the plan. Amends various sections of GS Chapter 122 and enacts GS 153A-453 to require county area mental health authorities to administer programs according to a local management entity (LME) business plan for mental health services and to make quarterly reports to the county finance officer. Requires DHHS to review and assist county and community-based programs. Enacts GS 112C-115.4 to specify the functions of an LME and set conditions under which DHHS may remove the functions from an LME. Amends GS 122C-118.1 to provide that an area board for a multi-county area authority of eight or more counties and a population of more than 500,000 may have up to 30 members (otherwise, limit is 25), and makes changes to required composition of the area boards. Enacts GS 122C-120.1 to require the Office of State Personnel to develop a job classification for director of an area or county authority. Amends GS 122C-115.1(f) effective January 1, 2007, to specify certain minimum qualifications for the director. Enacts new GS 122C-141(d) and (d1) to specify requirements for contracts between an LME and a public provider of services. Enacts GS 122C-170 to require area authorities and county programs to establish advisory Consumer and Family Advisory Committees, and provides requirements for their composition and functioning. Enacts GS 122C-171 to establish the State Consumer and Family Advisory Committee, defines its composition, staffing, functions, and expense reimbursement requirements. Changes title to *AN*

ACT TO MAKE CHANGES WITH RESPECT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MENTAL HEALTH REFORM.

July 21, 2006

SL 2006-142 (H 2077). MENTAL HEALTH REFORM CHANGES. *AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES WITH RESPECT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MENTAL HEALTH REFORM.* Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 5/17/06, 6/5/06, and 6/28/06. Enacted July 19, 2006. Effective July 19, 2006, except as otherwise provided.