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H 1424. MEDICAID COUNTY SHARE REDUCED. Filed 4/11/07. *TO PERMANENTLY CAP THE COUNTY SHARE OF MEDICAID EXPENDITURES AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE INCREASED STATE SHARE RESULTING FROM THE CAP ON THE COUNTY SHARE.*

Amends GS 108A-54 to provide that on and after July 1, 2007, the county share of Medicaid must not exceed the share paid by each county for the 2005-06 fiscal year. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to use funds appropriated in the bill to provide further reductions in the county share for counties experiencing the most severe impact from Medicaid expenditures. Appropriates \$100 million for 2007-08 and \$154 million for 2008-09 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance. \$10 million of the 2007-08 appropriation and \$15 million of the 2008-09 appropriation must be used to provide additional relief to counties with the greatest number of Medicaid recipients as a percentage of the county's total population; remaining funds are to cover the increased state Medicaid share. Effective July 1, 2007.

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