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S 228. DHHS/OFFICE OF MEN'S HEALTH. Filed 2/18/09. *TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF MEN'S HEALTH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH STUDY COMMISSION.*

Enacts a new Article 5A in GS Chapter 130A to establish the Office of Men's Health (Office) in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to expand the state's public health concerns and focus to include a comprehensive outlook on the overall health status of men. Requires DHHS to develop certain strategies to achieve the Office's primary goals of preventing disease and improving the quality of life for men over their entire lifespan. Requires the Office to study, while taking into consideration existing local DHHS services, the feasibility of establishing initiatives for (1) early intervention services for men infected with HIV and (2) outreach, treatment, and follow-up services to men at high risk for contracting sexually transmitted diseases. Directs DHHS to use funds available for 2009-10 and 2010-11 to implement the act. Effective July 1, 2009.

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