

February 25, 2009

S 331. MH/NATIONAL ACCRED. BENCHMARKS. Filed 2/25/09. *TO MAKE CHANGES TO NATIONAL ACCREDITATION BENCHMARK REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN MEDICAID ENROLLED FACILITIES.*

Amends GS 122C-81(d) to modify the time period for providers enrolled in the Medicaid program or contracting for state-funded services on or after July 1, 2008, who provide services which require national accreditation (mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services) to successfully achieve national accreditation to within *18 months* (was, one year) of enrollment in the Medicaid program or within two years following the provider's first contract to deliver a state-funded service. Increases time periods to achieve benchmarks that demonstrate sufficient progress in achieving national accreditation following the date of enrollment or initial contract for state-funded services as follows: (1) six (was, three) months for the on-site accreditation review scheduled by the accrediting agency as documented by an agency letter to the provider and completion of self-study and self-evaluation protocols distributed by the selected accrediting agency; (2) 12 (was, six) months for the on-site accreditation review scheduled by accrediting agency as documented by an agency letter to the provider; and (3) 15 (was, nine) months for the completion of an on-site accreditation review, receipt of initial feedback from the accrediting agency, and the development of a plan to address any deficiencies identified.

Intro. by Berger of Franklin.

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May 7, 2009

S 331. FIVE COUNTY LME/STATE HEALTH PLAN (NEW). Filed 2/25/09. Senate committee substitute deletes the provisions of the first edition and replaces it with *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE FIVE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY, A LOCAL MANAGEMENT ENTITY, TO ENROLL ITS EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES IN THE STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES.* Amends Section 31.26(j) of SL 2004-124, as amended by Section 29.32 of SL 2005-276, and as further amended by SL 2007-405, as the title indicates, and applies only to the Five County Mental Health Authority serving Franklin, Granville, Halifax, Vance, and Warren Counties. Effective July 1, 2009.