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S 917. CANCER PATIENT ASSISTANCE. Filed 3/25/09. *TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO ASSIST CANCER PATIENTS WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DISEASE.*

Enacts new GS 130A-216 to direct the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) to establish a cancer patient navigation pilot program to provide education about and assistance with the management of cancer. Sets out the minimum objectives and activities of the program. Permits the Department to adopt rules to carry out the provisions of the act. Directs the Department to begin initial implementation of the statewide pilot program in Guilford and Mecklenburg Counties. Requires the Department to report its progress on implementing the program no later than May 1, 2010, to the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division.

Intro. by Dorsett.

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