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Short Title: Screen for BMI Children CCNC Network.

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Referred to:

May 20, 2010

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO EXPLORE WAYS TO IMPLEMENT BODY MASS INDEX SCREENING FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE ENROLLED IN MEDICAID OR ARE PARTICIPATING IN NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH CHOICE FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, shall study the feasibility of requiring providers enrolled in Community Care of North Carolina (CCNC) to implement body mass index (BMI) screening for children who are receiving Medicaid or participating in the North Carolina Health Choice for Children Program. As part of the study, the Division shall consider:

- (1) Establishing performance goals related to using BMI to monitor a child's development within each CCNC network.
- (2) Developing a uniform protocol across the CCNC network to ensure the integrity and confidentiality of information collected through BMI screenings.
- (3) Implementing other methods of collecting data that would assist in screening weight categories that may lead to health problems.

SECTION 2. The Department shall encourage CCNC networks to collaborate with local health departments, county departments of social services, Eat Smart, Move More coalitions, and local education agencies on ways to use results from BMI screening to improve the health of children.

SECTION 3. Not later than September 1, 2011, the Department shall report its findings and any recommendations to the Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity, to the Public Study Health Commission, and to the Fiscal Research Division.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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