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HOUSE BILL 478
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H478-PCS40355-TR-2

Short Title: Required Experience for MH/DD/SAS QPs.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 27, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW ALL YEARS OF FULL-TIME MENTAL HEALTH,
3 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES
4 (MH/DD/SAS) EXPERIENCE TO APPLY TO THE QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED
5 FOR MH/DD/SAS QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) shall amend
8 the qualifications for Qualified Professionals within the mental health, developmental
9 disability, and substance abuse services (MH/DD/SAS) system of care, as defined in rule,
10 clinical care policies for the Medicaid program, and the North Carolina Medicaid State Plan.
11 Qualifications for Qualified Professionals shall allow for all years of full-time MH/DD/SAS
12 experience to qualify as years of experience, rather than limiting qualifying full-time
13 MH/DD/SAS experience to only that experience which is obtained post-bachelor's degree or
14 post-graduate degree. No later than October 1, 2017, any State Plan amendment necessary to
15 effect these changes shall be submitted by DHHS to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
16 Services (CMS).

17 **SECTION 2.** Any changes to clinical coverage policies and any changes to rules
18 adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services relating to the qualifications for
19 Qualified Professionals required under Section 1 of this act shall not become effective until
20 DHHS has received CMS approval of the State Plan amendment required by Section 1 of this
21 act.

22 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

