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## **HOUSE BILL DRH10081-MR-53** (02/21)

Short Title: Occup. Therapy/Choice of Provider. (Public) Representatives Blackwell, Murphy, Setzer, and Hurley (Primary Sponsors). Sponsors: Referred to: A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT PATIENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE THEIR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST UNDER THEIR HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS. The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: **SECTION 1.** G.S. 58-50-30(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read: "§ 58-50-30. Right to choose services of certain providers. (b) This section applies to the following provider types: An occupational therapist licensed by the North Carolina Board of (16)Occupational Therapy pursuant to Article 18D of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes." SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2017, and applies to health

benefit contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after that date.

