A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEADLINE BY WHICH CERTAIN PROVIDERS ARE REQUIRED TO CONNECT TO AND PARTICIPATE IN NORTH CAROLINA'S HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE NETWORK KNOWN AS NC HEALTHCONNEX.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) G.S. 90-414.4(a1) reads as rewritten:
"(1) The following providers of Medicaid services that have an electronic health record system shall begin submitting demographic and clinical data by June 1, 2018:
   a. Hospitals as defined in G.S. 131E-176(13).
   b. Physicians licensed to practice under Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes.
   c. Physician assistants as defined in 21 NCAC 32S.0201.
   d. Nurse practitioners as defined in 21 NCAC 36.0801."

SECTION 1.(b) G.S. 90-414.4(a1)(3) reads as rewritten:
"(3) The following entities shall submit encounter and claims data, as appropriate, in accordance with the following time line:
   a. Prepaid Health Plans, as defined in S.L. 2015-245, by the commencement date of a capitated contract with the Division of Health Benefits for the delivery of Medicaid and NC Health Choice services as specified in S.L. 2015-245.
   b. Local management entities/managed care organizations, as defined in G.S. 122C-3, by June 1, 2020.
   c. The following providers by June 1, 2021:
      1. Psychiatrists licensed to practice under Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes.
      2. Licensed psychologists, as defined in G.S. 90-270.2(6).
      3. Licensed psychological associates, as defined in G.S. 90-270.2(7).
      4. Licensed professional counselors, as defined in G.S. 90-330(a)(2).
      5. Substance abuse professionals, as defined in G.S. 90-113.31A(26).
      6. Licensed clinical social workers, as defined in G.S. 90B-3(6a)."
Licensed clinical social worker associates, as defined in G.S. 90B-3(6b).

Fee-based pastoral counselors, as defined in G.S. 90-382(4).

Licensed marriage and family therapists, as defined in G.S. 90-270.47(3).

Providers of one or more of the following services for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities:

I. "In-lieu-of" services.

II. 1915(b)(3) services.

III. North Carolina Innovations Waiver services.

IV. Services paid for with single-stream funding.

Adult care homes, as defined in G.S. 131D-2.1.

Family care homes, as defined in G.S. 131D-2.1.

Home care agencies, as defined in G.S. 131E-136(2).

Home health agencies, as defined in G.S. 131E-136(4)."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.