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HOUSE BILL DRH30328-MRa-90C

Short Title: Increase Innovations Waiver Slots. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Insko, Hawkins, and Lambeth (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE NORTH CAROLINA INNOVATIONS WAIVER SLOTS.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
4 **SECTION 1.(a)** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health
5 Benefits, shall amend the North Carolina Innovations waiver to increase the number of slots
6 available under the waiver by a maximum of 500 slots. These additional slots shall be made
7 available on January 1, 2020, or upon approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
8 Services, whichever is later.
9 **SECTION 1.(b)** Of the slots made available under this section, 125 of the slots shall
10 be reserved capacity slots to be distributed using the allocation formula currently in place as of
11 the effective date of this section.
12 **SECTION 1.(c)** The Division of Health Benefits (DHB) shall distribute the
13 remaining slots made available under this section to the local management entities/managed care
14 organizations (LME/MCOs) based on a per capita basis, calculated as the number of slots
15 multiplied by the population in each LME/MCO's catchment area divided by the population of
16 the State. Once distributed to each LME/MCO, the additional slots shall be made available to the
17 counties on a per capita basis, calculated as the number of slots multiplied by the population of
18 the county divided by the population in the LME/MCO's catchment area. Within each county,
19 the slots shall be filled on a first-come, first-served basis determined by the length of time an
20 individual has been on the waiting list.
21 **SECTION 1.(d)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
22 Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits, the sum of five million four hundred
23 thirty-five thousand one hundred dollars (\$5,435,100) in recurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal
24 year and the sum of ten million eight hundred seventy thousand two hundred dollars
25 (\$10,870,200) in recurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to be used to fund these additional
26 slots.
27 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.



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