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HOUSE BILL DRH40331-MR-87

Short Title: Matthew's Bill for Clubhouse Expansion. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative White.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROMOTE GREATER ACCESS TO CLUBHOUSE MODEL PSYCHOSOCIAL  
3 REHABILITATION DAY PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SEVERE AND  
4 PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health  
7 Benefits (DHB), shall develop and, to the extent allowed under G.S. 108A-54.1A, implement a  
8 plan for a statewide reimbursement methodology for behavioral health services provided to adult  
9 Medicaid beneficiaries with severe and persistent mental illness who are served by a clubhouse  
10 model psychosocial rehabilitation day program. The plan shall include all of the following:

- 11 (1) Incentives for clubhouses to become accredited by Clubhouse International.
- 12 (2) Consistent application of rates throughout regions served by local  
13 management entities/managed care organizations (LME/MCOs).
- 14 (3) Education and training for LME/MCO staff and relevant staff within the  
15 Department of Health and Human Services on the clubhouse model and its  
16 use in serving individuals with severe and persistent mental illness in this  
17 State.

18 **SECTION 1.(b)** No later than December 1, 2023, DHB shall submit a report to the  
19 Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice that contains all of  
20 the following information related to the plan required by subsection (a) of this section:

- 21 (1) The proposed reimbursement methodology.
- 22 (2) A proposed time line for implementation for the reimbursement methodology.
- 23 (3) Any costs associated with implementation of the reimbursement  
24 methodology.
- 25 (4) Details on the education and training developed for LME/MCOs and staff of  
26 the Department of Health and Human Services.

27 **SECTION 2.** Effective July 1, 2023, there is appropriated from the General Fund to  
28 the North Carolina Clubhouse Coalition, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, the sum of two million  
29 five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) in recurring funds for each year of the 2023-2025  
30 fiscal biennium to be used to provide funding for member clubhouses for current programs,  
31 expansion of services or locations served, accreditation of a clubhouse, or staff training and  
32 professional development.

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

