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SENATE BILL DRS35336-NLa-124

Short Title: Increase Medicaid PCS and PDN Rates. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Burgin (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR PERSONAL CARE
3 SERVICES AND PRIVATE DUTY NURSING SERVICES.
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5 SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
6 Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits (DHB), the sum of one hundred twenty
7 million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$120,800,000) in recurring funds beginning in the
8 2026-2027 fiscal year to be used to increase to seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per 15-minute
9 increment the Medicaid rate paid for personal care services pursuant to Medicaid Clinical
10 Coverage Policies 3L, 3K-1, and 3K-2 provided to Medicaid beneficiaries through the State Plan
11 Personal Care Services Program (PCS), Community Alternatives Program for Children (CAP/C),
12 Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults (CAP/DA), and Community Alternatives
13 Program Choice (CAP/CO). These funds shall provide a State match for two hundred sixteen
14 million two hundred thousand dollars (\$216,200,000) in recurring federal funds for the
15 2026-2027 fiscal year, and those funds are appropriated to DHB for the same purpose.
16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
17 Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits (DHB), the sum of twenty million one
18 hundred thousand dollars (\$20,100,000) in recurring funds beginning in the 2026-2027 fiscal
19 year to be used to increase to sixteen dollars and twenty-five cents (\$16.25) per 15-minute
20 increment the Medicaid rate paid for private duty nursing services pursuant to Medicaid Clinical
21 Coverage Policies 3G-1: Private Duty Nursing for Beneficiaries Age 21 and Older and 3G-2:
22 Private Duty Nursing for Beneficiaries Under 21 Years of Age. These funds shall provide a State
23 match for thirty-five million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$35,900,000) in recurring federal
24 funds for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, and those funds are appropriated to DHB for the same
25 purpose.
26 SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2026.



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