FUNDS FOR CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH ANALYTICS PILOT PROGRAM

SECTION 12A.7. Section 12A.17 of S.L. 2015-241 reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 12A.17.(a)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Central Management and Support, the sum of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars ($750,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2015-2016 fiscal ~~year and~~year; the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000) in recurring funds for each year of the ~~2015-2016 fiscal year~~2015-2017 fiscal biennium; and the sum of one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($1,250,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2016-2017 fiscal year shall be used for the ~~development and implementation~~ phased development, implementation, and operation of a pilot program for Medicaid claims analytics and population health management.

"**SECTION 12A.17.(b)** The Department shall coordinate with the Government Data Analytics Center (GDAC) to develop the pilot program and to provide access to needed data sources, including Medicaid claims data, Medicaid beneficiary files, and local management entity/managed care organization (LME/MCO) encounter data for the pilot program. The pilot program shall utilize the subject matter expertise and technology available through existing GDAC public-private partnerships in order to apply analytics in a manner that would maximize health care savings and efficiencies to the State and optimize positive impacts on health outcomes.

"**SECTION 12A.17.(b1)** During the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the scope of the pilot program shall be expanded to include all of the following:

(1) The integration of new data sources, such as patient level Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) quality measures, as prioritized by the Department and GDAC.

(2) Customized reporting and analytics capabilities.

(3) A tool to construct and analyze claims as clinical episodes of care in order to assist North Carolina in its transition to capitated managed care and value-based purchasing arrangements.

(4) Operationalization of the pilot program, including an ongoing feed of the data sources described in subsection (b) of this section and any other data sources mutually agreed upon by the Department and GDAC.

"**SECTION 12A.17.(c)** By November 30, 2015, the Department shall execute all contractual agreements and interagency data-sharing agreements necessary for development and implementation of the pilot program authorized by this section.

"**SECTION 12A.17.(d)** The Department and GDAC shall make the following reports on the pilot program authorized by this section:

(1) By January 15, 2016, the Department and GDAC shall provide a progress report on the pilot program authorized by this section to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division.

(2) By May 31, 2016, the Department and GDAC shall make ~~a final~~an interim report of their findings and recommendations on the pilot program authorized by this section to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology, and the Fiscal Research Division.

(3) By May 31, 2017, the Department and GDAC shall make a final report of their findings and recommendations on the pilot program authorized by this section to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology, and the Fiscal Research Division."

[Source: Section 12A.17, S.L. 2015-241, as amended by Section 12A.7, S.L. 2016-94]

CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM CHANGES

SECTION 12C.1.(a) Federal Improvement Plan Implementation. – The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, shall implement the requirements of the federal Program Improvement Plan to bring our State into compliance with national standards for child welfare policy and practices. The Division shall collaborate with county departments of social services to develop a model of oversight that supports program outcomes and a county's ability to meet performance standards as outlined in the Program Improvement Plan. Oversight may include support for continuous quality improvement, staff training, and data analysis. During the first two years of implementing the Program Improvement Plan, the Division shall ensure the three new Human Services/Planner Evaluator positions funded by this act are used to carry out the activities detailed in the Plan. Upon complete implementation of the Plan, these positions shall be used in child welfare services to continually improve outcomes for children and families.

The Division shall report on the implementation and outcomes of the Program Improvement Plan to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services. The report shall be submitted semiannually on February 1 and August 1 of each year, with the first report submitted on August 1, 2016, and the final report on February 1, 2019.

SECTION 12C.1.(b) Statewide Strategic Plan. – The Division of Social Services shall develop a statewide strategic plan for child welfare services that complements the required federal Program Improvement Plan. The statewide strategic plan shall, at a minimum, address the findings of the North Carolina Statewide Child Protective Services Evaluation, which was conducted as required by Section 12C.1(f) of S.L. 2014-100, in the areas of county performance, caseload sizes, administrative structure, adequacy of funding, social worker turnover, and monitoring and oversight. The plan shall also address measures for ensuring that Native American children in this State are served in a culturally appropriate manner, including in placements for adoption and foster care. The Division shall submit the plan to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services by December 1, 2016, for consideration by the 2017 General Assembly.

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[Source: Section 12C.1(a) and (b), S.L. 2016-94]