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SENATE BILL DRS15114-NL-28

Short Title: Ensure Continuity of Care in Tailored Plans. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Burgin and Grafstein (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR BH IDD TAILORED PLAN
3 PARTICIPANTS AND TO PROMOTE COMPETITION AMONG THE BH IDD
4 TAILORED PLANS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** No later than July 1, 2025, the Department of Health and Human
7 Services, Division of Health Benefits, shall submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
8 Services (CMS) any amendment to the 1115 waiver for Medicaid Transformation necessary to
9 obtain approval to effectuate the following changes related to BH IDD Tailored Plans:

- 10 (1) Beneficiaries may opt to remain in the Medicaid fee-for-service program,
11 known as Medicaid Direct, for physical healthcare services when any of the
12 beneficiary's healthcare providers are not contracted with the LME/MCO
13 Tailored Plan network, if staying in Medicaid Direct is necessary as a
14 reasonable accommodation of the beneficiary's need for continuity of care.
15 (2) Based on differing service arrays, available services, or provider networks,
16 beneficiaries may opt into a BH IDD tailored plan that is operating outside of
17 the region in which the beneficiary resides.

18 **SECTION 2.** No later than August 1, 2025, the Department of Health and Human
19 Services, Division of Health Benefits, shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
20 on Medicaid with recommendations for promoting competition among local management
21 entities/managed care organizations in such a way that fosters innovation and leads to better care
22 for Medicaid beneficiaries. The report shall also contain a copy of all State Plan amendments or
23 other documents submitted to CMS in accordance with Section 1 of this act. The report shall also
24 contain all identified legislative changes needed to conform with the requirements of Section 1
25 of this act and other recommendations made in the report.

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



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