

**SENATE BILL NO. 2175**

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-06-42 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the substance use disorder treatment voucher system; and to provide an effective  
3 date.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-06-42 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **50-06-42. Substance use disorder treatment voucher system.**

- 8 1. The department shall establish and administer, within the limits of legislative  
9 appropriations, a voucher system to address underserved areas and gaps in the  
10 state's substance abuse treatment system and to assist in the payment of addiction  
11 treatment services provided by private licensed substance abuse treatment programs  
12 and hospital- or medical clinic-based programs for medical management of  
13 withdrawal.
- 14 2. To be eligible to receive a voucher under the voucher program, an applicant must be a  
15 resident of this state who is at least fourteen years of age and who meets eligibility  
16 requirements established by the department.
- 17 3. Services eligible for the voucher program include only those levels of care recognized  
18 by the American society of addiction medicine, with particular emphasis given to  
19 underserved areas and programs. The department shall ensure that a private licensed  
20 substance abuse treatment program, hospitals, and medical clinic programs accepting  
21 vouchers collects and reports process and outcome measures. The department shall  
22 develop requirements and provide training and technical assistance to a private  
23 licensed substance abuse treatment program, hospitals, and medical clinic programs

1                    accepting vouchers. A private licensed substance abuse treatment program, hospital,  
2                    and medical clinic program accepting vouchers shall provide evidence-based services.

3                    **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on July 1, 2020.