

Sixty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1407

Introduced by

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Senator Kannianen

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-24.1-40 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to medical assistance tribal health care coordination agreements; to repeal section
3 50-24.1-40 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to medical assistance tribal health care
4 coordination agreements; to provide for legislative management and legislative council reports;
5 to provide a continuing appropriation; and to provide a contingent effective date.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-24.1-40 of the North Dakota Century Code is
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **50-24.1-40. Medical assistance - Tribal health care coordination agreements -**
10 **Continuing appropriation - Report to legislative management.**

11 1. As used in this section:

12 a. "Care coordination agreement" means an agreement between a health care
13 provider and tribal health care organization which will result in one hundred
14 percent federal funding for eligible medical assistance provided to an American
15 Indian.

16 b. "Tribal health care organization" means Indian health services or a tribal entity
17 providing health care under the federal Indian Self-Determination and Education
18 Assistance Act of 1975 [Pub. L. 93-638; 88 Stat. 2203; 25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.].

19 2. The department of human services shall facilitate care coordination agreements. Of
20 any federal funding received in excess of the state's regular share of federal medical
21 assistance funding which results from care coordination agreements, the department
22 shall deposit ~~sixty~~seventy~~eighty~~ percent in the tribal health care coordination fund and
23 ~~forty~~thirty~~twenty~~ percent in the general fund.

24 3. There is created in the state treasury a tribal health care coordination fund.

1 a. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department on a continuing basis for
2 distribution to a tribal government in accordance with an agreement between the
3 department and a tribal government. The agreement between the department
4 and a tribal government must require the tribe to:

5 (1) Use the money distributed under this section for ~~health-related purposes~~
6 related to the ten essential services of public health identified by the federal
7 centers for disease control and prevention and the development or
8 enhancement of community health representative programs or services;
9 however, through June 30, 2025, no more than fifty percent and thereafter,
10 no more than thirty-five percent may be used for capital construction.

11 ~~Health-related purposes may include population health programs or~~
12 ~~services, marketing or education related to health-related programs or~~
13 ~~services, or developing or enhancing community health representative~~
14 ~~programs or services. Health-related purposes may not include capital~~
15 ~~construction, stipends to individuals for services, or services that are~~
16 ~~covered by Indian health services, Medicaid, or other third party payers, or~~
17 ~~state-funded programs.~~

18 (2) Submit to the department annual reports detailing the use of the money
19 distributed under this section.

20 (3) Submit to the department every two years an audit report, conducted by an
21 independent licensed certified public accountant, of the tribal government
22 use of the money distributed under this section. A tribal government may
23 use money distributed under this section to pay for this audit report. At the
24 discretion of a tribal government, an audit may be conducted more often
25 than every two years.

26 b. The distribution of moneys from the fund to a tribal government must be in
27 proportion to the federal funding received from care coordination agreement
28 requests for services originating from within that tribal nation.

29 c. At least annually, upon completion of any auditing and verification actions of the
30 department, the department shall distribute moneys from the fund to the tribal
31 government.

- 1 d. If a tribal government fails to file with the department a timely annual report or
2 audit report, the department shall withhold distribution of moneys from the fund to
3 the tribal government until the report is filed.
- 4 e. If an audit report or the department's review of the annual report finds a tribal
5 government used moneys distributed from the fund for a purpose inconsistent
6 with this section, the department shall withhold future distributions to that tribal
7 government in an amount equal to the money used improperly. The department
8 shall distribute money withheld from a tribal government under this subdivision if
9 a future audit report indicates moneys distributed from the fund are used for
10 purposes consistent with this section.

11 4. Before August of each even-numbered year, ~~the~~:

12 ~~a.~~ ~~The~~ department shall compile and summarize the annual reports and audit
13 reports from the participating tribal governments data and provide the legislative
14 management with a biennial report on the fund and tribal ~~state government use of~~
15 ~~money distributed from the fund.~~

16 ~~b.~~ Each participating tribe shall compile data and provide the legislative
17 management with a biennial report on the tribe's use of money distributed from
18 the fund.

19 **SECTION 2. REPEAL.** Section 50-24.1-40 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

20 **SECTION 3. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE**
21 **COUNCIL.** On January 2, 2023, the executive director of the department of human services
22 shall certify to the legislative council whether any care coordination agreements have been
23 facilitated under section 50-24.1-40 by December 31, 2022. If no care coordination agreements
24 have been facilitated, the executive director also shall certify this status to the secretary of state.

25 **SECTION 4. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 2 of this Act becomes effective on
26 January 3, 2023, if the executive director of the department of human services certifies to the
27 secretary of state and to the legislative council that by December 31, 2022, no care coordination
28 agreements have been facilitated under section 50-24.1-40.