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**HOUSE DRH10088-LN-254 (4/3)**

Short Title: Mental Hlth Prof'ls/Medicaid Enrollmnt. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representative Insko.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN LICENSED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS  
TO PROVIDE SERVICES UNDER MEDICAID.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** Funds appropriated for Medicaid services for the  
2007-2008 fiscal year and the 2008-2009 fiscal year shall be expended for children  
eligible for EPSDT services provided by:

- (1) Licensed or certified psychologists, licensed clinical social workers,  
certified clinical nurse specialists in psychiatric mental health  
advanced practice, nurse practitioners certified as clinical nurse  
specialists in psychiatric mental health advanced practice, licensed  
psychological associates, licensed professional counselors, licensed  
marriage and family therapists, certified clinical addictions specialists,  
and certified clinical supervisors, when Medicaid-eligible children are  
referred by the Community Care of North Carolina primary care  
physician, a Medicaid-enrolled psychiatrist, or the area mental health  
program or local management entity, and
- (2) Institutional providers of residential services as defined by the  
Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance  
Abuse Services and approved by the Centers for Medicare and  
Medicaid Services (CMS) for children and Psychiatric Residential  
Treatment Facility services that meet federal and State requirements as  
defined by the Department.
- (3) Any provisionally licensed professional who is included in the  
disciplines eligible under subdivision (1) of this subsection who:
  - a. Has been awarded a master's or doctoral degree;
  - b. Has passed the licensing entrance exam for that profession; and

- 1 c. Is actively seeking licensure within a defined period under State  
2 law governing the license.

3 A provisionally licensed professional who meets the requirements of  
4 this subdivision may provide services only for so long as the  
5 individual (i) provides services in a Medicaid-enrolled agency, (ii) is  
6 supervised by a fully licensed clinical professional who meets board  
7 requirements, and (iii) meets the requirements of licensure by the  
8 deadline set by the licensing board for that profession.

9 **SECTION 1.(b)** Funds appropriated for Medicaid services for the  
10 2007-2008 fiscal year and the 2008-2009 fiscal year shall be expended for  
11 Medicaid-eligible adults for services provided by:

- 12 (1) Licensed or certified psychologists, licensed clinical social workers,  
13 certified clinical nurse specialists in psychiatric mental health  
14 advanced practice, and nurse practitioners certified as clinical nurse  
15 specialists in psychiatric mental health advanced practice, licensed  
16 psychological associates, licensed professional counselors, licensed  
17 marriage and family therapists, licensed clinical addictions specialists,  
18 and licensed clinical supervisors. Medicaid-eligible adults may be  
19 self-referred.

- 20 (2) Any provisionally licensed professional who is included in the  
21 disciplines eligible under subdivision (1) of this subsection who:

- 22 a. Has been awarded a master's or doctoral degree;  
23 b. Has passed the licensing entrance exam for that profession; and  
24 c. Is actively seeking licensure within a defined period under State  
25 law governing the license.

26 A provisionally licensed professional who meets the requirements of  
27 this subdivision may provide services only for so long as the  
28 individual (i) provides services in a Medicaid-enrolled agency, (ii) is  
29 supervised by a fully licensed clinical professional who meets board  
30 requirements, and (iii) meets the requirements of licensure by the  
31 deadline set by the licensing board for that profession.

32 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.