

1 alternative appropriate care locations shall not be implemented until CMS approval of any
2 submitted State Plan amendments or waivers has been received.

3 **SECTION 4.** If Medicaid reimbursement for ambulance transports of Medicaid
4 recipients in behavioral health crisis cannot be implemented under the authority granted to the
5 Department of Health and Human Services under G.S. 108A-54(e), then it is the intent of the
6 General Assembly to appropriate any funds necessary to cover the costs of implementation
7 upon the approval of any submitted State Plan amendments or waivers by the Centers for
8 Medicare and Medicaid Services.

9 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.