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HOUSE BILL DRH30222-NL-73

Short Title: Adult Care Home Medicaid PCS Coverage. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Sauls.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A REQUEST FOR FEDERAL APPROVAL TO EXTEND
3 MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR PERSONAL CARE SERVICES TO CERTAIN
4 INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN ADULT CARE HOMES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** In conjunction with the requirements of Section 9E.26 of S.L.
7 2023-134 for the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits (DHB),
8 to explore options available to increase access to Medicaid services for dual eligibles that provide
9 alternatives to nursing home placements, DHB shall consult with stakeholders and shall submit
10 to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) a request that meets all of the
11 following goals:

- 12 (1) Provides Medicaid coverage of personal care services to individuals who
13 reside in licensed adult care homes and special care units and whose income
14 exceeds the limit for participation in the State-County Special Assistance
15 Program authorized under G.S. 108A-40, but does not exceed either (i) one
16 hundred eighty percent (180%) of the federal poverty level, for individuals
17 who, but for their income, would qualify for State-County Special Assistance
18 at the basic rate under G.S. 108A-42.1 or (ii) two hundred percent (200%) of
19 the federal poverty level, for individuals who, but for their income, would
20 qualify for State-County Special Assistance at the enhanced rate under
21 G.S. 108A-42.1.
- 22 (2) Ensures that the cost of any new Medicaid coverage being requested is offset
23 by savings or cost avoidance.
- 24 (3) Ensures compliance with applicable legal requirements.

25 **SECTION 2.** DHB shall take any actions necessary to implement this act and shall
26 submit the appropriate request to CMS within 90 days after this act becomes law. DHB shall only
27 implement the Medicaid coverage described in the request if (i) the request is approved by CMS
28 and (ii) the request meets all of the goals in Section 1 of this act.

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

