

Office of State Budget and Management
Establish New, Receipt-Supported Positions
(G.S. 143-34.1)

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Division: Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Budget Code: 14480

Center Title: Medicaid Infrastructure Grant

Center Number: 1102-2137-99

***** Position Information *****

Proposed Classification: Human Services Planner Evaluator III **Proposed Salary Grade:** 73

Salary Range: \$33,050-\$54,434 **Proposed Effective Date:** 04 / 01 / 04

Number of Positions: 1 FTE

	<u>Center Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Request</u>
Total Budget	\$ 500,000	\$61,142
Receipts	<u>500,000</u>	<u>\$61,142</u>
Appropriation	\$ 0	\$ 0

Funding Source(s): Medicaid Infrastructure Grant from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
100% federal funding

Justification for Position (including description of duties and responsibilities): Vocational Rehabilitation Services received \$2,000,000 for a four-year grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Funds from this grant will be used to develop improved employment options through enhanced Medicaid services for NC citizens with disabilities. This position will work in partnership with the Division of Medical Assistance to plan and develop appropriate policy options for these citizens.

This position provides professional planning, research, policy development and evaluation expertise for the Medicaid Infrastructure Development Program (MIG) focusing on systems changes to serve individuals with disabilities who are participating in NC Medicaid and/or SSA disability related programs. These systems changes include a wide variety of services, numerous health and social service providers, complex and interwoven program policies and processes, various state and federal funding streams.

The position's work involves designing and conducting multiple studies ranging from broad-based to single strategically targeted policy studies. This position evaluates proposed changes in the Medicaid program and their effects on quality of care and expenditures.

This position presents and explains to MIG stakeholders and agency managers the procedures and criteria associated with planning processes and assists in the development of program objectives and operational plans. The studies may result in policy decisions impacting the state's health care financing and policy direction. This position assists in identifying project parameters and designs studies including the selection or design of data collection instruments and tools and the selection of analytical techniques. This position is responsible for the collection and analysis of data, determining the reliability of results, and the preparation of recommendations and reports. The position requires both independent analysis and in-depth collaboration with all relevant stakeholders.

This position is budgeted at a salary of \$50,000 plus fringe benefits of \$6,710 (retirement and FICA) and \$3,432 (health insurance) for a total of \$60,142.

Statutory Reference for Request

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