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SENATE BILL 1215*
Health Care Committee Substitute Adopted 6/7/00

Short Title: Medical Care Commn./Rules.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES
3 PERTAINING TO MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION AUTHORITY TO ADOPT
4 RULES REGULATING ADULT CARE HOMES AND SOCIAL SERVICES
5 COMMISSION AUTHORITY TO ADOPT RULES PERTAINING TO PUBLIC
6 ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 Section 1. G.S. 131D-4.3(a) reads as rewritten:

9 "(a) Pursuant to G.S. ~~143B-153, the Social Services-143B-165,~~ the North Carolina
10 Medical Care Commission shall adopt rules to ensure at a minimum, but shall not be
11 limited to, the provision of the following by adult care homes:

12 (1) ~~Client assessment and independent case management;~~

13 (2) A minimum of 75 hours of training for personal care aides performing
14 heavy care tasks and a minimum of 40 hours of training for all personal
15 care aides. The training for aides providing heavy care tasks shall be
16 comparable to State-approved Certified Nurse Aide I training. For those
17 aides meeting the 40-hour requirement, at least 20 hours shall be
18 classroom training to include at a minimum:

19 a. Basic nursing skills;

- b. Personal care skills;
- c. Cognitive, behavioral, and social care;
- d. Basic restorative services; and
- e. Residents' rights.

A minimum of 20 hours of training shall be provided for aides in family care homes that do not have heavy care residents. Persons who either pass a competency examination developed by the Department of Health and Human Services, have been employed as personal care aides for a period of time as established by the Department, or meet minimum requirements of a combination of training, testing, and experience as established by the Department shall be exempt from the training requirements of this subdivision;

- (3) Monitoring and supervision of residents;
- (4) Oversight and quality of care as stated in G.S. 131D-4.1; and
- (5) Adult care homes shall comply with all of the following staffing requirements:
 - a. First shift (morning): 0.4 hours of aide duty for each resident (licensed capacity or resident census), or 8.0 hours of aide duty per each 20 residents (licensed capacity or resident census) plus 3.0 hours for all other residents, whichever is greater;
 - b. Second shift (afternoon): 0.4 hours of aide duty for each resident (licensed capacity or resident census), or 8.0 hours of aide duty per each 20 residents plus 3.0 hours for all other residents (licensed capacity or resident census), whichever is greater;
 - c. Third shift (evening): 8.0 hours of aide duty per 30 or fewer residents (licensed capacity or resident census).

In addition to these requirements, the facility shall provide staff to meet the needs of the facility's heavy care residents equal to the amount of time reimbursed by Medicaid. As used in this subdivision, the term 'heavy care resident' means an individual residing in an adult care home who is defined 'heavy care' by Medicaid and for which the facility is receiving enhanced Medicaid payments for such needs."

Section 2. G.S. 131D-4.5(5) reads as rewritten:

"§ 131D-4.5. Rules adopted by Medical Care Commission.

The Medical Care Commission shall adopt rules as follows:

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- (5) Implementing the due process and appeal rights for discharge and transfer of residents in adult care homes afforded by G.S. 131D-21. The rules may provide for procedures comparable to those provided to nursing home residents pursuant to federal law, to Chapter 131E of the General Statutes, and to related rules. shall offer at least the same protections to residents as State and federal rules and regulations governing the transfer or discharge of residents from nursing homes.

1 Section 3. G.S. 131D-21(17) reads as rewritten:

2 **"§ 131D-21. Declaration of residents' rights.**

3 Each facility shall treat its residents in accordance with the provisions of this Article.
4 Every resident shall have the following rights:

5 ...
6 (17) To not be transferred or discharged from a facility except for medical
7 reasons, the residents' own or other residents' welfare, nonpayment for
8 the stay, or when the transfer is mandated under State or federal law.
9 The resident shall be given at least 30 days' advance notice to ensure
10 orderly transfer or discharge, except in the case of jeopardy to the health
11 or safety of the resident or others in the home. The resident has the right
12 to appeal a facility's attempt to transfer or discharge the resident
13 pursuant to rules adopted by the ~~Secretary~~, Medical Care Commission,
14 and the resident shall be allowed to remain in the facility until resolution
15 of the appeal unless otherwise provided by law. The ~~Secretary~~ Medical
16 Care Commission shall adopt rules pertaining to the transfer and
17 discharge of residents that offer at least the same protections to residents
18 as State and federal rules and regulations governing the transfer or
19 discharge of residents from nursing homes."

20 Section 4. G.S. 143B-153(2) reads as rewritten:

21 "(2) The Social Services Commission shall have the power and duty to
22 establish standards and adopt rules and regulations:
23 a. For the programs of public assistance established by federal
24 legislation and by Article 2 of Chapter 108A of the General
25 Statutes of the State of North Carolina with the exception of the
26 program of medical assistance established by G.S. 108A-25(b);
27 b. To achieve maximum cooperation with other agencies of the
28 State and with agencies of other states and of the federal
29 government in rendering services to strengthen and maintain
30 family life and to help recipients of public assistance obtain self-
31 support and self-care;
32 c. For the placement and supervision of dependent juveniles and of
33 delinquent juveniles who are placed in the custody of the Office
34 of Juvenile Justice, and payment of necessary costs of foster
35 home care for needy and homeless children as provided by G.S.
36 108A-48; ~~and~~
37 d. For the payment of State funds to private child-placing agencies
38 as defined in G.S. 131D-10.2(4) and residential child care
39 facilities as defined in G.S. 131D-10.2(13) for care and services
40 provided to children who are in the custody or placement
41 responsibility of a county department of social ~~services~~ services;
42 and

1 e. For client assessment and independent case management
2 pertaining to the functions of county departments of social
3 services for public assistance programs authorized under
4 paragraph a. of this subdivision."

5 Section 5. This act is effective when it becomes law.