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HOUSE BILL 1468

Short Title: Disease Mgmt Activities State Health Plan. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Nye, Bowie, Barbee, Justus (Primary Sponsors); Glazier, Insko, Preston, and Warner.

Referred to: Health.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TEACHERS'
3 AND STATE EMPLOYEES' COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR MEDICAL PLAN TO
4 INITIATE OR CONTINUE CERTAIN DISEASE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES,
5 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE
6 RISING COST OF HEALTH CARE.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** The Executive Administrator of the Teachers' and State
9 Employees' Comprehensive Major Medical Plan shall do the following to address the
10 rising cost of health care covered under the Plan:

- 11 (1) Develop a program to more effectively publicize and promote disease
12 management activities to Plan members.
- 13 (2) Enhance current efforts to manage diseases, claims, and usage by
14 high-risk and potential high-risk Plan members.
- 15 (3) Develop incentives to encourage participation by providers of health
16 care services and Plan members in disease management programs.
17 These incentives may include:
- 18 a. Offering additional or enhanced benefits under the Plan to those
19 who participate in disease management.
- 20 b. Offering incentives to providers in the form of case
21 management fees or additional service payments.
- 22 c. Reward providers that meet nationally recognized quality of
23 care guidelines.
- 24 (4) Ensure that the Plan's disease management activities include adequate
25 technological capabilities to identify high-cost and potential high-cost
26 patients, manage comorbidities, and enhance communication between
27 patients and providers.

- 1 (5) Publicize performance measures that are linked to standardized health
2 status indicators and use the performance measures to justify enhanced
3 reimbursements to providers and to target State resources for
4 enhancing the Plan's reimbursements to providers of health care
5 services.
6 (6) Adopt contractual agreements with providers that require and reward
7 evidence-based practice standards and guidelines for the Plan and for
8 NC Health Choice.

9 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.