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HOUSE BILL 1725

Short Title: Rate & Inflationary Incr./Kidney Dialysis.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Earle; England and Wainwright.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 12, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
3 SERVICES TO PROVIDE FOR RATE AND INFLATIONARY INCREASES IN
4 STATE-FUNDED KIDNEY DIALYSIS SERVICES THAT CORRESPOND TO
5 RATE AND INFLATIONARY INCREASES FOR EQUIVALENT MEDICAID
6 SERVICES.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall include
9 in its rate-setting methodology for State-funded kidney dialysis services rate and
10 inflationary increases that correspond to rate and inflationary increases provided for
11 equivalent Medicaid services, such that as rates are increased and adjusted for inflation
12 for Medicaid services, a corresponding rate increase and inflation adjustment applies for
13 equivalent State-funded kidney dialysis services. The Department shall ensure that rate
14 and inflationary increases do not result in a reduction in the services provided or in the
15 number of persons eligible for services.

16 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.