

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1042

Short Title: Authorize Medicaid HMO. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Rand; and Jones.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 21, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
2 SERVICES, DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, TO ESTABLISH A PILOT
3 MEDICAID HMO PROGRAM.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
7 Medical Assistance, shall develop a pilot program in four regions of the State to offer
8 Medicaid services through an HMO. The Department shall solicit applications from
9 HMOs across the State to participate in the program. The Department shall select the
10 four regions based on HMO participation levels, provider availability, number of
11 Medicaid recipients in the area, and other factors that will promote greater efficiency in
12 the Medicaid program and enhanced access to provider services in underserved areas of
13 the State. The Department shall report on the selection and establishment of the pilot
14 programs to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the
15 House of Representative Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services,
16 and the Fiscal Research Division not later than May 1, 2008. The Department shall
17 include in its report the levels of participation by Medicaid recipients, providers, and
18 HMOs and the feasibility of expanding the HMO Medicaid model to other regions of
19 the State.

20 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.