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Short Title: Occup. Therapy/Choice of Provider. (Public) Sponsors: Representatives Blackwell, Murphy, Setzer, and Hurley (Primary Sponsors). For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site. Referred to: Insurance March 1, 2017 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT PATIENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE THEIR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST UNDER THEIR HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS. The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: **SECTION 1.** G.S. 58-50-30(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read: "§ 58-50-30. Right to choose services of certain providers. (b) This section applies to the following provider types: An occupational therapist licensed by the North Carolina Board of <u>(16)</u> Occupational Therapy pursuant to Article 18D of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes." **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2017, and applies to health

benefit contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after that date.

