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HOUSE BILL 631

Short Title: Reduce Admin. Duplication/BH Providers. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Stone, Dobson, and Murphy (Primary Sponsors).

*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

Referred to: Health

April 10, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A WORKGROUP TO EXAMINE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT HOW TO ELIMINATE ADMINISTRATIVE DUPLICATION FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a workgroup to examine current administrative requirements for behavioral health providers and how best to integrate these requirements with similar administrative requirements for physical health providers in order to avoid duplication and enhance efficiency. The workgroup shall consist of representatives from the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the Division of Medical Assistance, the Division of Health Benefits, local management entity/managed care organizations, providers, and stakeholders. The examination shall include a review of at least all of the following categories of requirements imposed on behavioral health providers and physical health providers:

- (1) Training.
- (2) Service delivery.
- (3) Documentation.
- (4) Claims processing.
- (5) Reporting.
- (6) Monitoring.
- (7) Oversight.
- (8) Facility licensure.
- (9) Medicaid enrollment.
- (10) Credentialing.
- (11) Accreditation.
- (12) Contracts.
- (13) Investigations.
- (14) Audits.

**SECTION 1.(b)** In conducting the examination required under subsection (a) of this section, the workgroup shall identify the federal or State entity that created each requirement examined by the workgroup and provide a recommendation about whether that requirement should be eliminated or redesigned. The workgroup shall consider for elimination



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1 any requirement imposed on behavioral health providers that meets one or more of the  
2 following criteria:

- 3 (1) Is not federally mandated.
- 4 (2) Exceeds what is required for physical health.
- 5 (3) Does not add value to the delivery of behavioral health services.
- 6 (4) Is unable to be incorporated into standard electronic health records or does  
7 not align with meaningful use of electronic health records.

8 **SECTION 1.(c)** By March 31, 2018, the Department of Health and Human and  
9 Human Services shall report the findings and recommendations of the workgroup to the Joint  
10 Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint Legislative  
11 Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice, and the Fiscal Research Division.

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