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HOUSE BILL 70

Short Title: Delay NC HealthConnex for Certain Providers. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Dobson, White, Murphy, and Lambeth (Primary Sponsors).  
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Referred to: Health, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

February 14, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEADLINE BY WHICH CERTAIN PROVIDERS ARE  
3 REQUIRED TO CONNECT TO AND PARTICIPATE IN NORTH CAROLINA'S  
4 HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE NETWORK KNOWN AS NC  
5 HEALTHCONNEX.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 90-414.4(a1)(1) reads as rewritten:

8 "(1) ~~The~~ Except as otherwise provided in this section, the following providers of  
9 Medicaid services that have an electronic health record system shall begin  
10 submitting demographic and clinical data by June 1, 2018:

- 11 a. Hospitals as defined in G.S. 131E-176(13).  
12 b. Physicians licensed to practice under Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the  
13 General Statutes.  
14 c. Physician assistants as defined in 21 NCAC 32S.0201.  
15 d. Nurse practitioners as defined in 21 NCAC 36.0801."

16 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 90-414.4(a1)(3) reads as rewritten:

17 "(3) The following entities shall submit encounter and claims data, as appropriate,  
18 in accordance with the following time line:

- 19 a. Prepaid Health Plans, as defined in S.L. 2015-245, by the  
20 commencement date of a capitated contract with the Division of  
21 Health Benefits for the delivery of Medicaid and NC Health Choice  
22 services as specified in S.L. 2015-245.  
23 b. Local management entities/managed care organizations, as defined in  
24 G.S. 122C-3, by June 1, 2020.  
25 c. The following providers by June 1, 2021:  
26 1. Psychiatrists licensed to practice under Article 1 of Chapter 90  
27 of the General Statutes.  
28 2. Licensed psychologists, as defined in G.S. 90-270.2(6).  
29 3. Licensed psychological associates, as defined in  
30 G.S. 90-270.2(7).  
31 4. Licensed professional counselors, as defined in  
32 G.S. 90-330(a)(2).  
33 5. Substance abuse professionals, as defined in  
34 G.S. 90-113.31A(26).  
35 6. Licensed clinical social workers, as defined in G.S. 90B-3(6a).



- 1                                7.    Licensed clinical social worker associates, as defined in
- 2    G.S. 90B-3(6b).
- 3                                8.    Fee-based pastoral counselors, as defined in G.S. 90-382(4).
- 4                                9.    Licensed marriage and family therapists, as defined in
- 5    G.S. 90-270.47(3).
- 6                                10. Providers of one or more of the following services for
- 7    individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities:
- 8    I.    "In-lieu-of" services.
- 9    II.   1915(b)(3) services.
- 10     III. North Carolina Innovations Waiver services.
- 11     IV. Services paid for with single-stream funding.
- 12                                11. Adult care homes, as defined in G.S. 131D-2.1.
- 13                                12. Family care homes, as defined in G.S. 131D-2.1.
- 14                                13. Home care agencies, as defined in G.S. 131E-136(2).
- 15                                14. Home health agencies, as defined in G.S. 131E-136(4)."

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