

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 399

Short Title: Essential Health Benefits/Assoc. Health Plans. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Batch, Crawford, and deViere (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 31, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ASSOCIATION HEALTH PLANS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR  
3 ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFITS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 58-50A-20 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 58-50A-20. Health plan requirements.**

7 Any group health plan offered by a sponsoring association must meet all of the following  
8 requirements:

9 (1) Neither be offered nor advertised to the public generally.

10 (2) Provides a level of coverage equal to or greater than sixty percent (60%) of  
11 the actuarial value of allowed costs for covered benefits.

12 (3) Provides coverage for hospital and physician services.

13 (4) Complies with the provisions of G.S. 58-3-150.

14 (5) Provides coverage for the essential health benefits listed in 42 U.S.C. §  
15 18022(b)."

16 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2021, and applies to contracts  
17 entered into, amended, or renewed on or after that date.

