

HOUSE BILL 1030: 2016 Appropriations Act, Sec. 12H.8: Studies to be Conducted by the Division of Medical Assistance

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OVERVIEW: Sec. 12H.8 of S.L. 2016-94 directs the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to conduct two studies as follows:

- The Division of Medical Assistance in DHHS must study the impact of covering certain adult preventative services in order to qualify for a one percentage point increase in the State's federal Medicaid match rate, including what additional services would have to be added, whether any cost-sharing would have to be eliminated, the cost of any changes that would be needed, the benefit to receiving the enhanced match rate, and whether or not DHHS plans to implement the changes that would be needed. If DHHS adjusts any rates, makes any changes to services provided or cost-sharing requirements, or submits any State Plan Amendments as a result of this study, then DHHS must submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice and the Fiscal Research Division within 30 days after implantation.
- The Division of Medical Assistance in DHHS must study the adequacy of existing Medicaid rates paid for residential treatment services, considering data collected in concert with residential treatment providers and other sources of information available to DHHS, including rates paid for certain services described in rule, certain services currently covered by Medicaid, rates paid for other publicly-funded services that compliment residential treatment services, and increased costs due to recent changes to home and community-based waiver requirements.

This section is effective July 1, 2016.