

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 429*

Short Title: Federal Patients' Rights/AB.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Wellons.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 22, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO AMEND NORTH CAROLINA MANAGED HEALTH CARE LAWS TO
COMPORT WITH LEGISLATION ENACTED BY THE 106TH CONGRESS OF
THE UNITED STATES.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The General Assembly anticipates that the 106th Congress of the United States will enact laws that will prescribe rights and obligations of managed care organizations and the persons who are covered by the managed care organizations' plans.

Section 2. The General Assembly assumes that the 106th Congress will pattern this legislation after the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), which required the states to enact laws identical to HIPAA in order to retain regulatory jurisdiction over health insurance matters covered by HIPAA.

Section 3. Because the General Assembly cannot anticipate when the 106th Congress will enact a law or laws affecting managed care, the purpose of this bill is to serve as a vehicle for any action by the 1999 General Assembly in 1999 or 2000 that will be required in order to enact managed care legislation required by federal law.

Section 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.