

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH50208-SH-13 (02/28)

Short Title: Increase Home Care Rates, Quality & Retention. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Earle, Alexander, McComas, and Farmer-Butterfield
(Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE,
TO PROVIDE A RATE INCREASE FOR HOME CARE SERVICES IN AN
EFFORT TO CONTINUE TO MEET THE COST OF PROVIDING QUALITY
SERVICES AND TO ALLOW ADEQUATE SALARY INCREASES FOR
DIRECT CARE WORKERS THEREBY INCREASING EMPLOYEE
RETENTION AND QUALITY OF CARE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, funds
sufficient to provide a five percent (5%) per year rate increase for the 2007-2008 fiscal
year and for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to be used for home care services. These funds
shall be used to provide for Medicaid rate increases to meet the cost of providing quality
services and to provide adequate salary increases for direct care staff providing Home
Health Services, Home Infusion Therapy, In-Home Personal Care Services, CAP-DA
Services, CAP-C Services, and Private Duty Nursing.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.