

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 982

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

Sponsors: Representatives Earle, Alexander, McComas, Farmer-Butterfield (Primary Sponsors); Allen, Bell, Bryant, Carney, Clary, Dickson, England, Faison, Glazier, Goodwin, Haire, Hill, Love, Luebke, Moore, Parmon, Pierce, and Williams.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 22, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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