

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 663

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

Sponsors: Senators Purcell; Atwater and Snow.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 12, 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, the sum of
12 twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of
13 twenty-four million dollars (\$24,000,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to be used for
14 home care services. These funds shall be used to provide for Medicaid rate increases to
15 continue to meet the cost of providing quality services and to provide adequate salary
16 increases for direct care staff providing Home Health Services, Home Infusion therapy,
17 In-home Personal Care Services, CAP-DA Services, CAP-C Services, and Private Duty
18 Nursing.

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