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HOUSE BILL 1089

Short Title: Antiretroviral Drug Process.

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Sponsors: Representative Hall.

Referred to: Human Resources.

April 7, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE ANTIRETROVIRAL DRUGS AVAILABLE AND AFFORDABLE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Commission for Health Services shall adopt rules to ensure that antiretroviral drugs are available and affordable. These rules shall include rules that develop a process whereby any physician licensed to practice within this State assigns a patient identification number to all patients for whom the physician prescribes an antiretroviral drug. The patient shall then present this number to the pharmacist who shall then send that number to the in-State supplier of the drug. The supplier shall then send the number to the Division of Health Services, Department of Human Resources and shall send the drug to the pharmacist. The pharmacist shall dispense the drug to the patient and shall charge a fee no greater than that fee allowed under Medicaid. The Division of Health Services shall reimburse the supplier upon receipt of the identification number.

Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Health Services, Department of Human Resources, for the 1989-90 fiscal year, a sum sufficient to cover the State cost of the reimbursements mandated pursuant to this act.

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.