



**SENATE BILL 257:  
Appropriations Act of 2017, Sec. 11F.5A:  
Funds for Case Management Pilot Program**

2017-2018 General Assembly

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<b>Analysis of:</b>	Sec. 11F.5A of S.L. 2017-57		

**OVERVIEW:** *Sec. 11F.5A of S.L. 2017-57 requires \$2 million in nonrecurring funds for the 2017-18 fiscal year appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS), to be allocated for the development and establishment of a two-year pilot program at a hospital in Wake County to support a hospital-based, comprehensive community case management program. DMH/DD/SAS, in consultation with LME/MCOs responsible for the management and provision of mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse disorder services in Wake County under the 1915(b)(c) Medicaid Waiver must oversee the development and establishment of the pilot program to ensure it is designed to reduce avoidable emergency department readmissions and emergency department boarding times among individuals with behavioral health needs.*

*By December 1, 2020, DHHS must submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division, evaluating the effectiveness of the pilot program in reducing avoidable emergency department readmissions and emergency department boarding times among individuals with behavioral health needs.*

*This section became effective July 1, 2017.*

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