OVERVIEW: Sec. 11H.11 of S.L. 2018-5 adds 60 new slots for eligible medical providers who may receive supplemental payments that increase those providers' reimbursement to the average commercial rate, as described in the Medicaid State Plan, beginning July 1, 2018. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) must allocate the slots among the entities listed in the Medicaid State Plan, which include the East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) Faculty Physicians, UNC Hospital's Pediatric Clinic, and UNC Physicians Network, and Chatham Hospital. This section requires DHHS to submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice by October 1, 2018, explaining how DHHS allocated the 60 slots and how the increase in the slots will increase access to health care in rural areas.

This section became effective July 1, 2018.