



HOUSE BILL 1043: 2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act, Sec. 3.3(33): DHHS Funds for MedAssist

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Analysis of:	Sec. 3.3(33) of S.L. 2020-4, as amended		Legislative Analyst

OVERVIEW: *Section 3.3(33) of S.L. 2020-4 requires the Office of State Budget and Management allocate \$1,500,000 of the funds appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a grant to NC MedAssist, a nonprofit corporation, to offset increased costs for providing prescription assistance service during the COVID-19 pandemic to individuals who are indigent or uninsured. This allocation became effective May 4, 2020.*

Section 4B.2 of S.L. 2020-78 amended Section 3.3(33) of S.L. 2020-4 to clarify that the funds provided to NC MedAssist can be used for other costs allowed pursuant to federal guidance. This clarification became effective July 1, 2020.

Section 1.2 of S.L. 2020-97 amended Section 3.3(33) of S.L. 2020-4, as amended by Section 4B.2 of S.L. 2020-78, to increase the allocation to NC MedAssist from \$1,500,000 to \$6,500,000. This additional allocation became effective September 4, 2020.

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