

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 883**

Short Title: Rate and Inflationary Increases/MH Providers. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Insko; B. Allen, Farmer-Butterfield, Glazier, Pierce, Wainwright, and Weiss.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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March 24, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
3 SERVICES TO PROVIDE FOR RATE AND INFLATIONARY INCREASES IN  
4 STATE-FUNDED MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES,  
5 AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES THAT CORRESPOND TO RATE AND  
6 INFLATIONARY INCREASES FOR EQUIVALENT MEDICAID SERVICES.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall include  
9 in its rate-setting methodology for State-funded mental health, developmental  
10 disabilities, and substance abuse services rate and inflationary increases that correspond  
11 to rate and inflationary increases provided for equivalent Medicaid services, such that as  
12 rates are increased and adjusted for inflation for Medicaid services, a corresponding rate  
13 increase and inflation adjustment applies for equivalent State-funded mental health,  
14 developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services. The Department shall ensure  
15 that rate and inflationary increases do not result in a reduction in the services provided  
16 or in the number of persons eligible for services.

17 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.