

Introduced by

Representatives Carlson, Kasper

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to public employee uniform group health insurance benefits; to provide
3 for application; and to declare an emergency.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Health benefits plans - Term of contract - Plan design.**

- 8 1. This section applies to a contract for hospital and medical benefits coverage under
9 section 54-52.1-04, health maintenance organization coverage under 54-52.1-04.1, or
10 a self-insurance plan for hospital and medical benefits coverage under section
11 54-52.1-04.2. The term of a contract must be two years and must begin on January
12 first of an even-numbered year.
- 13 2. The board may not sign a contract unless the terms of the plan design are consistent
14 with the appropriation for uniform group health insurance program benefits coverage
15 enacted by the most recent legislative assembly.

16 **SECTION 2. APPLICATION.** Notwithstanding contrary term of contract provisions, the term
17 of a contract subject to section 1 of this Act in effect on the effective date of this Act may be
18 increased or decreased by the shortest period necessary in order to synchronize the contract
19 with a January 1, 2018, start date.

20 **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.