GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 395

Short Title:	Extend Deadlines for Mandatory HIE Particip.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives Sasser, Potts, K. Baker, and Wray (Primary Sponsors). *For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*	
Referred to:	Health, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	

March 25, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT EXTENDING FOR CERTAIN PROVIDERS AND ENTITIES THE DEADLINES FOR MANDATORY PARTICIPATION IN THE STATEWIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE NETWORK KNOWN AS NC HEALTHCONNEX.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 90-414.4(a1) reads as rewritten:

"(a1) Mandatory Connection to HIE Network. – Notwithstanding the voluntary nature of the HIE Network under G.S. 90-414.2, the following providers and entities shall be connected to the HIE Network and begin submitting data through the HIE Network pertaining to services rendered to Medicaid beneficiaries and to other State-funded health care program beneficiaries and paid for with Medicaid or other State-funded health care funds in accordance with the following time line:

…

(2) Except as provided in subdivisions (3), (4), and (5) of this subsection, all other providers of Medicaid and State-funded health care services shall begin submitting demographic and clinical data by ~~October 1, 2021.~~October 1, 2022.

…

(4) The following entities shall begin submitting demographic and clinical data by ~~June 1, 2021:~~June 1, 2022:

a. Ambulatory surgical centers as defined in G.S. 131E-146.

b. Dentists licensed under Article 2 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes.

c. Licensed physicians whose primary area of practice is psychiatry.

d. The State Laboratory of Public Health operated by the Department of Health and Human Services.

(5) The following entities shall begin submitting claims data by ~~June 1, 2021:~~June 1, 2022:

a. Pharmacies registered with the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy under Article 4A of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes.

b. State health care facilities operated under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, including State psychiatric hospitals, developmental centers, alcohol and drug treatment centers, neuro-medical treatment centers, and residential programs for children such as the Wright School and the Whitaker Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.