

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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CHAPTER 1314  
SENATE BILL 1246

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO AID IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOME HEALTH AGENCIES.

Whereas, home health is defined as the provision of physician-directed nursing, rehabilitative, social and therapy services on a part-time or intermittent basis to a homebound individual in his place of residence by personnel employed by a certified home health agency; and

Whereas, the purpose of home health services is to provide the vital, community - level link in the health care continuum which is intended to promote and maintain health as well as to rehabilitate the patient to his maximum level of physical potential and/or to minimize the effects of illness and disability; and

Whereas, it has been demonstrated that the availability of home care services substantially reduces the length of hospitalization for patients of all ages with all types of illnesses; and

Whereas, in many instances home health services represent an effective, efficient and highly acceptable alternative to in-patient hospital, extended care facility or other type of institutional care; and

Whereas, there are now 52 certified home health agencies serving the residents of 65 North Carolina counties; and the residents of the remaining 35 North Carolina counties do not now have home health services available to them; and the 52 certified home health agencies which are now functioning received federal source seed monies which aided them financially during their early developmental stages; and

Whereas, it is anticipated that additional seed monies will not be available through federal funding; and the availability of State funding would facilitate the development of new home health agencies as well as allow desirable and needed expansion of services in existing home health programs; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human Resources for fiscal year 1974-75 the sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) for the purpose of assisting in the development of home health agencies in counties where such agencies do not exist.

**Sec. 2.** This act shall become effective on July 1, 1974.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 12th day of April, 1974.