

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 859

Short Title: Home Dialysis Accessibility Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Burgin (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 29, 2026

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE ACCESS TO HOME DIALYSIS.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.(a)** Article 3 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
5 a new section to read:

6 "**§ 58-3-257. Coverage of dialysis.**

7 (a) A health benefit plan offered in this State that provides coverage for hemodialysis,
8 peritoneal dialysis, or both shall provide coverage for this service in all settings, including home
9 dialysis.

10 (b) Staff-assisted home dialysis provided using trained professionals is required to be
11 covered, at a minimum, for individuals who meet any of the following criteria:

12 (1) The individual is blind or visually impaired.

13 (2) The individual has a cognitive or neurological impairment.

14 (3) The individual has any illness or injury that reduces mobility."

15 **SECTION 1.(b)** This section is effective October 1, 2026, and applies to insurance
16 contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after that date.

17 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 135-48.51 reads as rewritten:

18 "**§ 135-48.51. Coverage and operational mandates related to Chapter 58 of the General**
19 **Statutes.**

20 The following provisions of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes apply to the State Health Plan:

21 ...

22 (8a) G.S. 58-3-257, Coverage of dialysis.

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24 **SECTION 2.(b)** This section is effective October 1, 2026, and applies as of the start
25 of the next plan year following that date.

26 **SECTION 3.** Effective July 1, 2026, there is appropriated from the General Fund to
27 the State Treasurer the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in recurring funds
28 beginning with the 2026-2027 fiscal year to be used to implement the coverage required under
29 Section 2 of this act.

30 **SECTION 4.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
31 law.

