



2024 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 80

Introduced by: **Senator Davis** at the request of the Study Committee on Sustainable Models for Long Term Care

1 **An Act to improve technology equipment for providers of elderly care and to make**
 2 **an appropriation therefor.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$5,000,000 to the
 5 Department of Human Services, for providing grants to select providers for the purchase of
 6 technology equipment that would improve the quality of life and health outcomes of elderly
 7 residents and support health care workers.

8 **Section 2.** A select provider must be a state-licensed Medicaid provider that primarily serves
 9 elderly patients. A select provider shall fill out an application detailing what technology
 10 equipment will be used, the expected outcomes in terms of the quality of life and health
 11 outcomes for the provider's residents and support for the provider's health care workers to
 12 fulfill the worker's duties, and any other information necessary for the department to evaluate
 13 an application.

14 **Section 3.** Before any moneys are expended under this Act, the Department of Human
 15 Services shall evaluate each application based on the criteria on the application submitted in
 16 section 2 of this Act. The moneys appropriated in this Act must be expended for the technology
 17 equipment described in the approved application.

18 **Section 4.** The department shall provide a report to the Joint Committee on Appropriations
 19 detailing how the grants were used. The report shall include providers awarded a grant using
 20 the moneys in this Act, amount of money awarded to each provider, technology equipment
 21 purchased, the use of the technology equipment, and the number of patients served through
 22 the grant.

23 **Section 5.** The secretary of the Department of Human Services shall approve vouchers and
 24 the state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.

- 1 **Section 6.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated shall
- 2 revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.
- 3 **Section 7.** This Act is effective beginning June 29, 2024.