



2020 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1219

Introduced by: **Representative Qualm**

1 **An Act to require certain health care professionals to recommend treatments**
 2 **alternative to opioids.**

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

4 **Section 1.** That a NEW SECTION be added:

5 **34-20A-114. Treatment of pain--Alternatives to opioids.**

6 For any patient seeking treatment for a condition that causes pain, a health care
 7 professional, before prescribing an opioid, shall, based on the health care professional's
 8 clinical judgment and the availability of the treatments, recommend or prescribe for the
 9 patient any of the following treatment alternatives:

- 10 (1) Physical therapy provided by a therapist licensed under chapter 36-10;
 11 (2) Occupational therapy provided by a therapist licensed under chapter 36-31;
 12 (3) Chiropractic services provided by a doctor of chiropractic licensed under chapter
 13 36-5;
 14 (4) Massage therapy provided by a therapist licensed under chapter 36-35;
 15 (5) Acupuncture; or
 16 (6) Participation in a chronic pain management program.

17 Nothing in this section requires all the treatment alternatives set forth in this
 18 section to be exhausted before a health care professional may prescribe an opioid for a
 19 patient.

20 Nothing in this section prevents a health care professional from simultaneously
 21 prescribing an opioid and recommending or prescribing any of the treatment alternatives
 22 in this section.