

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 146—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(ON BEHALF OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE)

FEBRUARY 5, 1999

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Referred to Concurrent Committees on Health and Human Services  
and Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation for consultant to conduct study of feasibility of developing method for evaluating quality of care provided to certain recipients of Medicaid. (BDR S-1126)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to health care; requiring the Legislative Committee on Health Care to contract with an independent organization to conduct a study of the feasibility of developing a method for evaluating the quality of care provided to certain recipients of Medicaid; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE  
AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1    **Section 1.**   1.   The Legislative Committee on Health Care is hereby  
2    directed to contract with an independent organization to conduct a study of  
3    the feasibility of developing a cost-efficient method for evaluating the  
4    quality of care provided to recipients of Medicaid who do not participate in  
5    the Medicaid managed care program.  
6    2.   The independent organization selected to conduct the study shall:  
7    (a) Assess methods for evaluating that are designed to produce regular  
8    evaluations of the quality of care provided to recipients of Medicaid who  
9    do not participate in the Medicaid managed care program;  
10   (b) Assess the resources available in the public and private sectors that  
11   may be used to evaluate the satisfaction of aged and disabled recipients of

1 Medicaid who do not participate in the Medicaid managed care program  
2 with the quality of services they receive;

3 (c) Identify and evaluate the current data requirements imposed by the  
4 Department of Human Resources on providers of health care, licensed  
5 health care facilities and managed care organizations that deliver services  
6 to recipients of Medicaid who do not participate in the Medicaid managed  
7 care program;

8 (d) Study any other related issue as directed by the Legislative  
9 Committee on Health Care; and

10 (e) Provide recommendations for cost-efficient methods to evaluate  
11 regularly the quality of care provided to recipients of Medicaid who do not  
12 participate in the Medicaid managed care program.

13 3. The independent organization selected to conduct the study shall  
14 provide to the Legislative Committee on Health Care a verbal and written  
15 report of its progress concerning the study on or before October 1, 1999,  
16 and thereafter at each meeting of the Legislative Committee on Health  
17 Care until the completion of the study.

18 4. The study required pursuant to this section must be completed on or  
19 before June 1, 2000, and a written report thereof submitted to the  
20 Legislative Committee on Health Care.

21 **Sec. 2.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund  
22 to the Legislative Committee on Health Care the sum of \$100,000 for  
23 conducting the study required pursuant to section 1 of this act.

24 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1  
25 must not be committed for expenditure after June 1, 2000, and reverts to  
26 the state general fund as soon as all payments of money committed have  
27 been made.

28 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 1999.