

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 178—ASSEMBLYMEN LESLIE, EVANS, ANDERSON, BUCKLEY, GOLDWATER, FREEMAN, MANENDO, PARKS, GIBBONS, CHOWNING, DINI, GIUNCHIGLIANI, PARNELL, MCCLAIN, THOMAS, DE BRAGA, KOIVISTO, CLABORN, HETTRICK, CEGAVSKE, GUSTAVSON, BEERS, COLLINS AND SEGERBLOM

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Requires department of human resources to reimburse directly licensed clinical social workers and marriage and family therapists for certain services rendered under state plan for Medicaid. (BDR 38-1354)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to public welfare; requiring the department of human resources to reimburse directly licensed clinical social workers and marriage and family therapists for certain services rendered under the state plan for Medicaid; 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.** Chapter 422 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto
2 a new section to read as follows:
3 *To the extent authorized by federal law, the department shall*
4 *reimburse directly, under the state plan for Medicaid, any clinical social*
5 *worker who is licensed pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS or any*
6 *marriage and family therapist who is licensed pursuant to chapter 641A*
7 *of NRS for psychotherapeutic services rendered under the authorized*
8 *scope of his practice to persons eligible to receive such services if another*
9 *provider of health care would be reimbursed for providing those same*
10 *services.*

1 **Sec. 2.** NRS 422.222 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 422.222 1. The administrator may adopt such regulations as are
3 necessary for the administration of NRS 422.070 to 422.410, inclusive ,
4 *and section 1 of this act* and any program of the welfare division.

5 2. A regulation adopted by the administrator becomes effective upon
6 adoption or such other date as the administrator specifies in the regulation.

7 **Sec. 3.** NRS 232.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 232.320 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the
9 director:

10 (a) Shall appoint, with the consent of the governor, chiefs of the
11 divisions of the department, who are respectively designated as follows:

12 (1) The administrator of the aging services division;

13 (2) The administrator of the health division;

14 (3) The state welfare administrator; and

15 (4) The administrator of the division of child and family services.

16 (b) Shall administer, through the divisions of the department, the
17 provisions of chapters 210, 423, 424, 425, 427A, 432A to 442, inclusive,
18 446, 447, 449 and 450 of NRS, NRS 127.220 to 127.310, inclusive,
19 422.070 to 422.410, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act, NRS* 432.010 to
20 432.139, inclusive, 444.003 to 444.430, inclusive, and 445A.010 to
21 445A.050, inclusive, and all other provisions of law relating to the
22 functions of the divisions of the department, but is not responsible for the
23 clinical activities of the health division or the professional line activities of
24 the other divisions.

25 (c) Shall, after considering advice from agencies of local governments
26 and nonprofit organizations which provide social services, adopt a master
27 plan for the provision of human services in this state. The director shall
28 revise the plan biennially and deliver a copy of the plan to the governor
29 and the legislature at the beginning of each regular session. The plan must:

30 (1) Identify and assess the plans and programs of the department for
31 the provision of human services, and any duplication of those services by
32 federal, state and local agencies;

33 (2) Set forth priorities for the provision of those services;

34 (3) Provide for communication and the coordination of those services
35 among nonprofit organizations, agencies of local government, the state and
36 the Federal Government;

37 (4) Identify the sources of funding for services provided by the
38 department and the allocation of that funding;

39 (5) Set forth sufficient information to assist the department in
40 providing those services and in the planning and budgeting for the future
41 provision of those services; and

- 1 (6) Contain any other information necessary for the department to
2 communicate effectively with the Federal Government concerning
3 demographic trends, formulas for the distribution of federal money and
4 any need for the modification of programs administered by the department.
5 (d) May, by regulation, require nonprofit organizations and state and
6 local governmental agencies to provide information to him regarding the
7 programs of those organizations and agencies, excluding detailed
8 information relating to their budgets and payrolls, which he deems
9 necessary for his performance of the duties imposed upon him pursuant to
10 this section.
11 (e) Has such other powers and duties as are provided by law.
12 2. The governor shall appoint the administrator of the mental hygiene
13 and mental retardation division.

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