

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 6—COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning application for and determination of eligibility for Medicaid and children's health insurance program. (BDR 38-498)

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 health care; making various changes concerning the application for and determination of eligibility for Medicaid and the children's health insurance program; 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 the
2 provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.
- 3 **Sec. 2.** *“Children’s health insurance program” means the program*
4 *established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 1397aa to 1397jj, inclusive, to provide*
5 *health insurance to uninsured children from low-income families in this*
6 *state.*
- 7 **Sec. 3.** *The division of health care financing and policy shall:*
8 1. *Develop and make available one application to be used to determine*
9 *eligibility for the children’s health insurance program and Medicaid;*
10 2. *Ensure that each person who determines eligibility for Medicaid or*
11 *the children’s health insurance program is trained and authorized to*
12 *determine eligibility for the other program; and*
13 3. *Establish an effective marketing program for the children’s health*
14 *insurance program.*
- 15 **Sec. 4.** NRS 422.001 is hereby amended to read as follows:
16 422.001 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the
17 words and terms defined in NRS 422.010 to 422.055, inclusive, *and section 2*
18 *of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

1 **Sec. 5.** NRS 422.001 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 422.001 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the
3 words and terms defined in NRS 422.005 to 422.055, inclusive, *and section 2*
4 *of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

5 **Sec. 6.** NRS 422.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 422.050 1. "Public assistance" includes:

- 7 ~~(1.)~~ (a) State supplementary assistance;
8 ~~(2.)~~ (b) Temporary assistance for needy families;
9 ~~(3.)~~ (c) Medicaid;
10 ~~(4.)~~ (d) Food stamp assistance;
11 ~~(5.)~~ (e) Low-income home energy assistance;
12 ~~(6.)~~ (f) The program for child care and development; and
13 ~~(7.)~~ (g) Benefits provided pursuant to any other public welfare program
14 administered by the welfare division or the division of health care financing
15 and policy pursuant to such additional federal legislation as is not inconsistent
16 with the purposes of this chapter.

17 2. *The term does not include the children's health insurance program.*

18 **Sec. 7.** NRS 422.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 422.050 1. "Public assistance" includes:

- 20 ~~(1.)~~ (a) State supplementary assistance;
21 ~~(2.)~~ (b) Temporary assistance for needy families;
22 ~~(3.)~~ (c) Medicaid;
23 ~~(4.)~~ (d) Food stamp assistance;
24 ~~(5.)~~ (e) Low-income home energy assistance;
25 ~~(6.)~~ (f) The program for child care and development; and
26 ~~(7.)~~ (g) Benefits provided pursuant to any other public welfare program
27 administered by the welfare division pursuant to such additional federal
28 legislation as is not inconsistent with the purposes of this chapter.

29 2. *The term does not include the children's health insurance program.*

30 **Sec. 8.** NRS 422.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 422.240 1. Money to carry out the provisions of NRS 422.001 to
32 422.410, inclusive, *and sections 2 and 3 of this act*, and *NRS* 422.580,
33 including, without limitation, any federal money allotted to the State of
34 Nevada pursuant to the program to provide temporary assistance for needy
35 families and the program for child care and development, must be provided
36 by appropriation by the legislature from the state general fund.

37 2. Disbursements for the purposes of NRS 422.001 to 422.410, inclusive,
38 *and sections 2 and 3 of this act*, and *NRS* 422.580 must be made upon claims
39 duly filed, audited and allowed in the same manner as other money in the
40 state treasury is disbursed.

41 **Sec. 9.** NRS 422.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 422.270 The department shall:

43 1. Administer all public welfare programs of this state, including:

- 44 (a) State supplementary assistance;

- 1 (b) Temporary assistance for needy families;
 - 2 (c) Medicaid;
 - 3 (d) Food stamp assistance;
 - 4 (e) Low-income home energy assistance;
 - 5 (f) The program for child care and development;
 - 6 (g) The program for the enforcement of child support; ~~and~~
 - 7 (h) *The children's health insurance program; and*
 - 8 (i) Other welfare activities and services provided for by the laws of this
 - 9 state.
- 10 2. Act as the single state agency of the State of Nevada and its political
- 11 subdivisions in the administration of any federal money granted to the ~~state~~
- 12 *State of Nevada* to aid in the furtherance of any of the services and activities
- 13 set forth in subsection 1.
- 14 3. Cooperate with the Federal Government in adopting state plans, in all
- 15 matters of mutual concern, including adoption of methods of administration
- 16 found by the Federal Government to be necessary for the efficient operation
- 17 of welfare programs, and in increasing the efficiency of welfare programs by
- 18 prompt and judicious use of new federal grants which will assist the
- 19 department in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.
- 20 4. Observe and study the changing nature and extent of welfare needs and
- 21 develop through tests and demonstrations effective ways of meeting those
- 22 needs and employ or contract for personnel and services supported by
- 23 legislative appropriations from the state general fund or money from federal
- 24 or other sources.
- 25 5. Enter into reciprocal agreements with other states relative to public
- 26 assistance, welfare services and institutional care, when deemed necessary or
- 27 convenient by the director.
- 28 6. Make such agreements with the Federal Government as may be
- 29 necessary to carry out the supplemental security income program.
- 30 **Sec. 10.** NRS 422.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 31 422.270 The department, through the welfare division, shall:
- 32 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 432.010 to 432.085, inclusive,
- 33 administer all public welfare programs of this state, including:
- 34 (a) State supplementary assistance;
 - 35 (b) Temporary assistance for needy families;
 - 36 (c) Medicaid;
 - 37 (d) Food stamp assistance;
 - 38 (e) Low-income home energy assistance;
 - 39 (f) The program for child care and development;
 - 40 (g) The program for the enforcement of child support; ~~and~~
 - 41 (h) *The children's health insurance program; and*
 - 42 (i) Other welfare activities and services provided for by the laws of this
 - 43 state.

1 2. Act as the single state agency of the State of Nevada and its political
2 subdivisions in the administration of any federal money granted to the ~~{state}~~
3 *State of Nevada* to aid in the furtherance of any of the services and activities
4 set forth in subsection 1.

5 3. Cooperate with the Federal Government in adopting state plans, in all
6 matters of mutual concern, including adoption of methods of administration
7 found by the Federal Government to be necessary for the efficient operation
8 of welfare programs, and in increasing the efficiency of welfare programs by
9 prompt and judicious use of new federal grants which will assist the welfare
10 division in carrying out the provisions of NRS 422.070 to 422.410, inclusive
11 ~~H.~~, and section 3 of this act.

12 4. Observe and study the changing nature and extent of welfare needs and
13 develop through tests and demonstrations effective ways of meeting those
14 needs and employ or contract for personnel and services supported by
15 legislative appropriations from the state general fund or money from federal
16 or other sources.

17 5. Enter into reciprocal agreements with other states relative to public
18 assistance, welfare services and institutional care, when deemed necessary or
19 convenient by the administrator.

20 6. Make such agreements with the Federal Government as may be
21 necessary to carry out the supplemental security income program.

22 **Sec. 11.** Section 3 of this act is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 Sec. 3. The *welfare* division ~~{of health care financing and policy}~~
24 shall:

25 1. Develop and make available one application to be used to
26 determine eligibility for the children's health insurance program and
27 Medicaid; and

28 2. Ensure that each person who determines eligibility for
29 Medicaid or the children's health insurance program is trained and
30 authorized to determine eligibility for the other program.

31 **Sec. 12.** The application to be developed pursuant to sections 3 and 11 of
32 this act to determine eligibility for the children's health insurance program
33 and Medicaid must be developed and in use not later than July 1, 1999.

34 **Sec. 13.** 1. This section and sections 1 to 4, inclusive, 6, 8, 9 and 12 of
35 this act become effective upon passage and approval.

36 2. Sections 4, 6, 8 and 9 of this act expire by limitation on June 30, 1999.

37 3. Section 11 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 1999.

38 4. Sections 5, 7 and 10 of this act become effective at 12:01 a.m. on
39 July 1, 1999.