

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE)

FEBRUARY 4, 1999

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Urges Bureau of Licensure and Certification of Health Division of Department of Human Resources to use continuous quality improvement approach to monitor quality of care provided to residents of certain facilities for long-term care. (BDR R-483)

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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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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Urging the Bureau of Licensure and Certification of the Health Division of the Department of Human Resources to use a continuous quality improvement approach to monitor the quality of care provided to residents of certain facilities for long-term care.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Licensure and Certification of the Health
- 2 Division of the Department of Human Resources is required pursuant to
- 3 federal law to perform an annual survey of nursing facilities funded by
- 4 Medicaid and skilled nursing facilities funded by Medicare to monitor the
- 5 quality of care provided to residents of such facilities; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The results of the surveys conducted by the Bureau of
- 7 Licensure and Certification assist consumers in choosing a nursing facility
- 8 for themselves or their loved ones; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Licensure and Certification has been required
- 10 by federal law to use the system currently used for monitoring the quality
- 11 of care provided to residents of such facilities for approximately 10 years;
- 12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, The system currently used for monitoring the quality of care
- 14 provided to residents of such facilities does not take advantage of existing
- 15 computer technology to improve the quality of the results of the survey;
- 16 and
- 17 WHEREAS, The system currently used for monitoring the quality of care
- 18 provided to residents of such facilities only collects data approximately

1 once a year, and thus the results of the surveys are not based on updated  
2 information; and

3 WHEREAS, Such facilities regularly submit data electronically to the  
4 Bureau of Licensure and Certification concerning the quality of care  
5 received by their residents; and

6 WHEREAS, Software currently exists for organizing such electronic data  
7 to assist in comparing data concerning the quality of care provided to  
8 residents of such facilities over time and among facilities; and

9 WHEREAS, Using such electronic data and software will enable the  
10 Bureau of Licensure and Certification to better evaluate and monitor the  
11 quality of care provided to residents of nursing facilities and skilled  
12 nursing facilities in this state, which will result in better information for  
13 consumers of long-term care; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE  
15 CONCURRING, That the Legislature hereby encourages the Bureau of  
16 Licensure and Certification of the Health Division of the Department of  
17 Human Resources to use, simultaneously with the system currently  
18 required by federal law, a continuous quality improvement approach which  
19 focuses on measuring the well-being and satisfaction of residents of  
20 nursing facilities and skilled nursing facilities to monitor the quality of care  
21 provided to residents of such facilities, including, without limitation, using  
22 information submitted electronically by the facilities and software for  
23 organizing and evaluating such information; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit  
25 a copy of this resolution to the Chief of the Bureau of Licensure and  
26 Certification of the Health Division of the Department of Human  
27 Resources.