

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE)

FEBRUARY 4, 1999

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Urges Department of Human Resources to provide reimbursement for cost of living in assisted living facility for recipients of Medicaid in appropriate circumstances. (BDR R-1137)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Urging the Department of Human Resources to provide reimbursement for the cost of living in an assisted living facility for recipients of Medicaid in appropriate circumstances.

- 1 WHEREAS, The cost of institutional long-term care is very high and
- 2 continues to rise; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Studies indicate that, given a choice, people prefer to live in
- 4 an assisted living facility that provides long-term care rather than in an
- 5 institution, such as a nursing home; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Assisted living facilities offer a less expensive alternative to
- 7 institutional long-term care and an environment that allows residents to
- 8 maintain independence, dignity and privacy; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The Medicaid program in this state currently provides
- 10 reimbursement for the cost of institutional long-term care but does not
- 11 provide reimbursement for the cost of living in an assisted living facility,
- 12 making these facilities inaccessible to lower income persons in this state;
- 13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, If the Medicaid program provided reimbursement for the
- 15 cost of living in an assisted living facility for its recipients in appropriate
- 16 circumstances, the State of Nevada would save money and recipients of
- 17 Medicaid would enjoy a better quality of life; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
2 CONCURRING, That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges the Department
3 of Human Resources to amend the state plan for Medicaid to provide
4 reimbursement for the cost of living in an assisted living facility in
5 appropriate circumstances; and be it further
6 RESOLVED, That the Department of Human Resources is hereby urged
7 to provide by regulation for a procedure to allow an assisted living facility
8 that is not licensed in this state to participate as a Medicaid provider to the
9 extent that it is authorized by the Health Care Financing Administration of
10 the United States Department of Health and Human Services; and be it
11 further
12 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit
13 a copy of this resolution to the Director of the Department of Human
14 Resources.

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