

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—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—Encourages Department of Human Resources to contract with community-based organizations and essential community providers to reach out to and provide incentives to such organizations and providers to reach out to low-income families to encourage participation in Children’s Health Insurance Program. (BDR R-1133)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Encourages the Department of Human Resources to contract with community-based organizations and essential community providers to reach out to and provide incentives to such organizations and providers that reach out to low-income families to increase participation in the Children’s Health Insurance Program.

- 1 WHEREAS, Statistics indicate that per capita the State of Nevada has one
2 of the highest rates of persons without health insurance in the country; and
3 WHEREAS, Persons who do not have health insurance will often wait
4 until they become so ill that they must be hospitalized before seeking
5 necessary health care services; and
6 WHEREAS, The Department of Human Resources has established the
7 Children’s Health Insurance Program pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 1397aa to
8 1397jj, inclusive, which is a jointly funded program with the federal
9 government to provide low-cost health insurance to children from low-
10 income families in this state that do not have health insurance; and
11 WHEREAS, It has been estimated that of the at least 25,000 children and
12 teenagers who would qualify for health insurance under the Children’s
13 Health Insurance Program, only 12 percent have actually enrolled in the
14 program; and
15 WHEREAS, Various factors have contributed to the lack of participation
16 in the Children’s Health Insurance Program, including an insufficient
17 effort

1 to reach out to eligible persons in the communities where they live and
2 work to explain the benefits of the program in a manner that the persons
3 can relate to and understand; and

4 WHEREAS, Studies indicate that community-based organizations and
5 essential community providers are successful in reaching out to low-
6 income families, communicating with such families and assisting them in
7 enrolling their children in programs such as the Children's Health
8 Insurance Program; and

9 WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature recognizes the need to ensure the
10 enrollment of the maximum number of children in this state who are
11 eligible for the Children's Health Insurance Program to protect the well-
12 being of the children in this state and to continue to offer this important
13 benefit to low-income families in this state; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
15 CONCURRING, That the Nevada Legislature hereby encourages the
16 Department of Human Resources to enter into agreements with
17 community-based organizations and essential community providers to
18 assist the Department in reaching out to families who may be eligible to
19 obtain health insurance for their children from the Children's Health
20 Insurance Program and to provide incentives to such organizations and
21 providers that successfully enroll children in the program. Such
22 agreements and incentives may include, without limitation:

23 1. Entering into agreements with community-based organizations and
24 essential community providers to have the organizations and providers
25 make determinations of eligibility for the Children's Health Insurance
26 Program;

27 2. Entering into agreements with community-based organizations and
28 essential community providers to engage in specific outreach programs to
29 targeted communities; and

30 3. Providing a monetary incentive to community-based organizations
31 and essential community providers who successfully enroll a child in the
32 program; and be it further

33 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit
34 a copy of this resolution to the Director of the Department of Human
35 Resources.