

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 6—Committee on

Health and Human Services

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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.

WHEREAS, Statistics indicate that per capita the State of Nevada has one of the highest rates of persons without health insurance in the country; and

WHEREAS, Persons who do not have health insurance will often wait until they become so ill that they must be hospitalized before seeking necessary health care services; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Human Resources has established the Children’s Health Insurance Program pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 1397aa to 1397jj, inclusive, which is a jointly funded program with the federal government to provide low-cost health insurance to children from low-income families in this state that do not have health insurance; and

WHEREAS, It has been estimated that of the at least 25,000 children and teenagers who would qualify for health insurance under the Children’s Health Insurance Program, only 12 percent have actually enrolled in the program; and

WHEREAS, Various factors have contributed to the lack of participation in the Children’s Health Insurance Program, including an insufficient effort to reach out to eligible persons in the communities where they live and work to explain the benefits of the program in a manner that the persons can relate to and understand; and

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

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

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

1. Entering into agreements with community-based organizations and essential community providers to have the organizations and providers make determinations of eligibility for the Children's Health Insurance Program;
 2. Entering into agreements with community-based organizations and essential community providers to engage in specific outreach programs to targeted communities; and
 3. Providing a monetary incentive to community-based organizations and essential community providers who successfully enroll a child in the program; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of the Department of Human Resources.

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