

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—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 access maximum appropriation available from Federal Government to pay for increased administrative costs of making eligibility determinations for Medicaid as result of Welfare Reform Act and to use part of appropriation to provide grants to community-based organizations that assist Department of Human Resources in complying with Welfare Reform Act. (BDR R-1134)

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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 access the maximum appropriation available from the Federal Government to pay for the increased administrative costs of making eligibility determinations for Medicaid as a result of the Welfare Reform Act and to use part of the appropriation to provide grants to community-based organizations that assist the Department of Human Resources in complying with the Welfare Reform Act.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity
- 2 Reconciliation Act of 1996, known as the Welfare Reform Act, has
- 3 substantially changed the federal requirements concerning the eligibility of
- 4 persons for Medicaid and the responsibilities of the Department of Human
- 5 Resources concerning Medicaid; and
- 6 WHEREAS, As a result of the new federal requirements, some persons
- 7 who previously qualified for Medicaid will no longer qualify and others
- 8 will be required to requalify to continue receiving benefits under Medicaid;
- 9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, The Welfare Reform Act established a special fund to
- 11 provide enhanced federal matching money to help states pay for the
- 12 additional administrative costs incurred in complying with the Act; and
- 13 WHEREAS, The Federal Government has appropriated approximately
- 14 3.2 million dollars from that special fund to the State of Nevada to pay for

1 the additional administrative costs related to making eligibility
2 determinations for Medicaid as a result of the Welfare Reform Act; and

3 WHEREAS, The money appropriated by the Federal Government is
4 available only for a limited time and may be accessed if the State of
5 Nevada provides 10 percent matching funds; and

6 WHEREAS, Community-based organizations are willing to assist the
7 Department of Human Resources in complying with the Welfare Reform
8 Act and are able to reach out directly to the affected persons, but they
9 require additional funding to provide such assistance; and

10 WHEREAS, The Department of Human Resources could allocate some
11 of the money appropriated to this state by the Federal Government to be
12 used as grants to community-based organizations that assist the
13 Department in making eligibility determinations and that reach out to
14 persons affected by the Welfare Reform Act to ensure that such persons
15 who are eligible are enrolled in Medicaid; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
17 CONCURRING, That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges the Department
18 of Human Resources to access the maximum appropriation available from
19 the Federal Government for expenditures that are attributable to the
20 administrative costs of making eligibility determinations for Medicaid as a
21 result of the Welfare Reform Act; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Department of Human Resources is hereby urged
23 to allocate part of the money received from the federal appropriation to
24 provide grants to community-based organizations that submit detailed
25 plans for providing assistance to the Department of Human Resources in
26 making eligibility determinations and for reaching out to persons affected
27 by the Welfare Reform Act; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit
29 a copy of this resolution to the Director of the Department of Human
30 Resources.