

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—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 comply with federal law requiring staff to be available at certain health care facilities to determine whether certain persons are eligible for Medicaid. (BDR R-1132)

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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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- 1 WHEREAS, Many persons who are eligible for state medical assistance
- 2 programs, including, without limitation, Medicaid and the Children's
- 3 Health Insurance Program, do not enroll in those programs; and
- 4 WHEREAS, When these persons require medical care they often have no
- 5 means by which to pay for such care and will wait until a medical
- 6 emergency exists before seeking medical care; and
- 7 WHEREAS, If persons were available to make eligibility determinations
- 8 for public assistance programs at the locations where low-income persons
- 9 receive medical care, eligible persons could be enrolled in the applicable
- 10 state medical assistance program and would have a means for seeking
- 11 medical care in the future; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Federal law requires the State Plan for Medicaid to provide
- 13 for persons to be available to accept and process applications for Medicaid
- 14 submitted by certain pregnant women and children at certain locations,
- 15 including, without limitation, federally-qualified health centers and
- 16 hospitals which provide services to a disproportionate share of persons
- 17 with low incomes; and

1 WHEREAS, Although the hospitals which provide services to a
2 disproportionate share of persons with low incomes in this state have
3 persons at the hospitals who can make eligibility determinations for
4 Medicaid, only one of the four federally-qualified health centers in this
5 state has a person at the center who is authorized and qualified to
6 determine the eligibility of persons for Medicaid; and

7 WHEREAS, The federally-qualified health centers in this state have
8 indicated that they are willing to work with the Department of Human
9 Resources so that this service may be offered at the centers but instead of
10 willingly working with these centers the Department of Human Resources
11 has required the centers to demonstrate that they have a need to have
12 eligibility determinations made at the centers; and

13 WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature recognizes the need to ensure that
14 persons who are eligible for state medical assistance programs, especially
15 pregnant women and children, are enrolled in the programs so they may
16 receive the medical care they require; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
18 CONCURRING, That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges the Department
19 of Human Resources to comply promptly with federal law by providing for
20 persons to be available at federally-qualified health centers to make
21 determinations of whether certain pregnant women and children are
22 eligible for Medicaid, and to the extent feasible, to make determinations
23 concerning the eligibility of other persons for state medical assistance
24 programs; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit
26 a copy of this resolution to the Director of the Department of Human
27 Resources.