SENATE BILL NO. 228–SENATORS WASHINGTON, RAWSON, RAGGIO, RHOADS, O'CONNELL, AMODEI, CARE, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, PORTER, SCHNEIDER AND WIENER

FEBRUARY 22, 1999

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Requires inclusion of administration of children's health insurance program within administration of Medicaid. (BDR 38-1482)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to public assistance; requiring the inclusion of the administration of the children's health insurance program within the administration of Medicaid; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- **Section 1.** Chapter 422 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. Except as otherwise required by the Federal Government, either directly or as a condition to the receipt of federal money, the welfare division shall:
- (a) Include within the administration of Medicaid the administration of the children's health insurance program; and
- 8 (b) In carrying out paragraph (a), combine all possible administrative 9 procedures, including, without limitation, applications for participation 10 in and determinations of eligibility for such programs.
- 2. As used in this section, "children's health insurance program"
- means the program established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 1397aa to
- 13 1397jj, inclusive, to provide health insurance to uninsured children from
- 14 low-income families in this state.

- Sec. 2. NRS 422.222 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 422.222 1. The administrator may adopt such regulations as are
- necessary for the administration of NRS 422.070 to 422.410, inclusive, *and* section 1 of this act, and any program of the welfare division.
- 2. A regulation adopted by the administrator becomes effective upon
- 6 adoption or such other date as the administrator specifies in the regulation.
- 7 **Sec. 3.** 1. This section and section 1 of this act become effective on 8 July 1, 1999.
- Section 2 of this act becomes effective at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 1999.

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