

Senate Bill No. 370—Committee on Human Resources

and Facilities

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to health care; providing that senior citizens are eligible for Medicaid upon purchasing and receiving benefits from certain policies of insurance for long-term care; 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. *The director shall include in the state plan for Medicaid a requirement that any senior citizen who purchases and receives benefits for at least 3 years pursuant to a policy of health insurance for long-term care that is approved by the director and whose annual household income is less than \$200,000 is eligible for Medicaid for long-term care.*

2. *As used in this section:*

(a) *“Household income” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 361.820.*

(b) *“Senior citizen” means a person who is domiciled in this state and is 55 years of age or older.*

Sec. 2. NRS 422.272 is hereby amended to read as follows:

422.272 1. ~~[The]~~ ***Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this act, the*** director shall include in the state plan for Medicaid a requirement that the state shall pay the nonfederal share of expenditures for the medical, administrative and ~~[transaction]~~ ***transactional*** costs ***, to the extent not covered by private insurance,*** of a person:

(a) Who is admitted to a hospital, facility for intermediate care or facility for skilled nursing for not less than 30 consecutive days;

(b) Who is covered by the state plan for Medicaid; and

(c) Whose net countable income per month is not more than \$775 or 156 percent of the supplemental security income benefit rate established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1382(b)(1), whichever is greater.

2. *As used in this section:*

(a) *“Facility for intermediate care” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.0038.*

(b) *“Facility for skilled nursing” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.0039.*

(c) *“Hospital” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.012.*

Sec. 3. Section 89 of chapter 550, Statutes of Nevada 1997, at page 2664, as last amended by section 74 of Senate Bill No. 453 of this session is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 89. 1. This section and sections 2 to ~~{14.1,}~~ **13**, inclusive, **14.1**, 14.3 to 29, inclusive, 32 ~~{to 43, inclusive,}~~ **34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43**, 45, 47, ~~{49}~~ **51** to 54, inclusive, 56, 57, 59, 63, ~~{64, 67 to 71, inclusive, and}~~ **67, 68, 70, 71**, 74 to **80.4, inclusive, 80.7 and 81 to** 88, inclusive, of this act become effective on July 1, 1997.

2. Sections 1, ~~{30, 30.5,}~~ **14, 33, 36, 40**, 44, 46, ~~{48, 54.5,}~~ **49, 50**, 58, 60, ~~{61,}~~ 62, **64**, 65, 66, **69**, ~~{72 and}~~ 73, **80.5 and 80.6** of this act become effective at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 1997.

3. Sections ~~{31 and 55}~~ **30, 30.5, 48, 54.5, 61 and 72** of this act become effective at 12:02 a.m. on July 1, 1997.

4. ***Sections 31 and 55 of this act become effective at 12:03 a.m. on July 1, 1997.***

5. Section 14.2 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 1998.

~~{5,}~~ **6.** Sections 1 to 14.4, inclusive, 15 to 30, inclusive, 31 to 54, inclusive, 55 to 80.3, inclusive, **80.5, 80.7** and 84 of this act, and subsection 1 of section 81 of this act, expires by limitation on June 30, 1999.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on July 1, 1999.