

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 129—ASSEMBLYMEN CEGAVSKE, ANDERSON,
BERMAN, BROWN, BUCKLEY, CLABORN, GOLDWATER,
GUSTAVSON, HETTRICK, HUMKE, MANENDO, PARNELL, SMITH
AND VON TOBEL

FEBRUARY 14, 2001

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS CARLTON AND SHAFFER

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Limits fees which providers of health services may collect from insured patients under certain circumstances. (BDR 40-1052)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: 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 providers of health services; limiting the fees which a provider of health services may collect from a hospital patient if the hospital has contracted with the patient's insurer for a rate of payment or reimbursement for these services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 439B of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto
2 a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. If a hospital, pursuant to a contract with an insurer, agrees to a*
4 *rate of payment or reimbursement for the provision of a health service to*
5 *a patient who is insured by the insurer, a practitioner who, as a member*
6 *of the staff of the hospital or pursuant to a contract with the hospital,*
7 *provides such a service to such a patient shall not collect or seek to*
8 *collect from the patient any fees or costs relating to that service other*
9 *than:*

10 *(a) Any portion of the payment or reimbursement to which the*
11 *hospital has agreed pursuant to its contract with the insurer, which is not*
12 *paid to the hospital; and*

13 *(b) Any portion of any additional copayment, deductible or*
14 *coinsurance required by the insurer from the patient, which is not paid to*
15 *the hospital.*



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1 2. *For the purposes of this section:*

2 (a) *“Health service” means any service relating to the observation,*
3 *care, treatment or rehabilitation of a patient or the diagnosis of a human*
4 *disease.*

5 (b) *“Insurer” means any insurer or other organization authorized*
6 *pursuant to Title 57 of NRS to conduct business in this state that pays or*
7 *reimburses any fees or costs for the provision of a health service to an*
8 *insured.*

