
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 27—COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE
FINANCING AND POLICY)

PREFILED FEBRUARY 4, 2005

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to certain fees imposed on certain health insurers and documents that hospitals and certain other institutions are required to file with Department of Human Resources. (BDR 40-373)

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 health care; revising the provisions governing the fees that the Director of the Department of Human Resources is authorized to impose upon certain insurers in this State; eliminating the requirement that hospitals and certain other institutions file a proposed operating budget each fiscal year with the Department; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Director of the Department of Human Resources to perform analyses and studies on health care costs in Nevada, the financial status of certain medical institutions and other related matters. To cover study costs and other costs incurred by the Department in carrying out various provisions of chapter 449 of NRS concerning the provision of health care, the Director is authorized to impose fees upon health insurers approved to operate in the State. (NRS 449.465, 449.500)

This bill authorizes the Director to impose a fee upon such insurers to cover the costs incurred by the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy in carrying out its fiscal responsibilities and in setting standards of service.

Existing law requires any person, place, building or agency which maintains and operates facilities for the diagnosis, care and treatment of human illness and



provides beds for inpatient care to file financial statements and proposed operating budgets with the Department of Human Resources. (NRS 449.490)
This bill eliminates the requirement to file such proposed operating budgets.

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

Section 1. NRS 449.465 is hereby amended to read as follows:
449.465 1. The Director may, by regulation, impose fees upon admitted health insurers to cover the costs of carrying out the provisions of NRS **422.2362, subsection 5 of NRS 422.2364 and NRS** 449.450 to 449.530, inclusive. The maximum amount of fees collected must not exceed the amount authorized by the Legislature in each biennial budget.

2. The Director shall impose a fee of \$50 each year upon admitted health insurers for the support of the Legislative Committee on Health Care. The fee imposed pursuant to this subsection is in addition to any fee imposed pursuant to subsection 1. The fee collected for the support of the Legislative Committee on Health Care must be deposited in the Legislative Fund.

Sec. 2. NRS 449.490 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.490 1. Every institution which is subject to the provisions of NRS 449.450 to 449.530, inclusive, shall file with the Department the following financial statements or reports in a form and at intervals specified by the Director but at least annually:

(a) A balance sheet detailing the assets, liabilities and net worth of the institution for its fiscal year; and

(b) A statement of income and expenses for the fiscal year.

~~{→ Each such institution shall file with the Department a proposed operating budget for the following fiscal year at least 30 days before the start of that fiscal year.}~~

2. The Director shall require the certification of specified financial reports by an independent certified public accountant and may require attestations from responsible officers of the institution that the reports are, to the best of their knowledge and belief, accurate and complete.

3. The Director shall require the filing of all reports by specified dates, and may adopt regulations which assess penalties for failure to file as required, but he shall not require the submission of a final annual report sooner than 6 months after the close of the fiscal year, and may grant extensions to institutions which can show that the required information is not available on the required reporting date.

4. All reports, except privileged medical information, filed under any provisions of NRS 449.450 to 449.530, inclusive, are



- 1 open to public inspection and must be available for examination at
- 2 the office of the Department during regular business hours.
- 3 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.



