

Amendment No. 509

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 271

(BDR 40-1112)

Proposed by: Committee on Health and Human Services**Amendment Box:****Resolves Conflicts with:** N/A**Amends:** Summary: No Title: No Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

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Amend section 1, pages 1 and 2, by deleting lines 4 and 5 on page 1 and lines 1 through 3 on page 2, and inserting:

“directed toward the control of pain and symptoms which provide the greatest degree of relief for the longest period while minimizing any adverse effects of the services and treatments, including, without limitation, any side effects of any medications given or administered.”.

Amend the bill as a whole by adding a new section designated sec. 7, following sec. 6, to read as follows:

“Sec. 7. NRS 422.304 is hereby amended to read as follows:

422.304 1. ~~{The}~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the* Department, through the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, shall pay, under the State Plan for Medicaid:

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A.B. No. 271—Revises provisions relating to hospice care.

(a) A facility for hospice care licensed pursuant to chapter 449 of NRS for the services for hospice care, including room and board, provided by that facility to a person who is eligible to receive Medicaid.

(b) A program for hospice care licensed pursuant to chapter 449 of NRS for the services for hospice care provided by that program to a person who is eligible to receive Medicaid.

2. The Department, through the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, is required to pay, under the State Plan for Medicaid, for the services for hospice care provided by a facility or program described in subsection 1 only to the extent that the Federal Government provides matching federal money under Medicaid for the services for hospice care.

3. As used in this section:

(a) “Facility for hospice care” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.0033.

(b) “Hospice care” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.0115.”.

**If this amendment is adopted, the Legislative
Counsel's Digest will be changed to read as follows:**

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law regulates medical and care facilities including facilities that provide hospice care. (Chapter 449 of NRS) Facilities for hospice care may provide certain specified services for terminally ill patients including palliative services. (NRS 449.0315) Palliative services are services and treatment to control pain and symptoms and provide relief to a person. (NRS 449.0115)

This bill provides that a licensed facility for hospice care may provide palliative services for terminally ill patients. This bill also defines the term "terminally ill" for purposes of laws governing hospice care and other medical facilities.

Existing law requires the Department of Human Resources, through the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, to pay, under the State Plan for Medicaid, certain facilities and programs for hospice care for the services for hospice care provided by the facilities or programs. (NRS 422.304)

This bill provides that this requirement for payment applies only to the extent that the Federal Government provides matching money under Medicaid for the services for hospice care.