

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 182—ASSEMBLYMEN MCCLAIN, PARKS, ALLEN, ARBERRY, ATKINSON, BOBZIEN, CLABORN, CONKLIN, DENIS, GERHARDT, GRADY, HORNE, KIHUEN, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, LESLIE, MANENDO, MARVEL, MUNFORD, OHRENSCHALL, PARNELL, PIERCE, SEGERBLOM, SMITH AND WOMACK

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Referred to Concurrent Committees on  
Health and Human Services and Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning the Fund for a Healthy Nevada. (BDR 40-158)

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 public health; revising the percentages of and the manner of allocating money in the Fund for a Healthy Nevada for certain programs; revising provisions governing the subsidies from the Fund for the cost of prescription drugs, pharmaceutical services and certain other benefits; revising the membership and duties of the Grants Management Advisory Committee; repealing the Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy Nevada; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Under existing law, the Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy Nevada makes allocations, or reserves for allocation or expenditure by the Department of Health and Human Services or the Aging Services Division of that Department, certain percentages of money in the Fund for a Healthy Nevada for certain programs and services. (NRS 439.630) **Section 3** of this bill eliminates the role of the Task Force in making allocations of money from the Fund and requires the Department to make such allocations itself.

**Section 3** of this bill revises the percentages of revenues deposited in the Fund that are required to be allocated for prescription drugs and pharmaceutical services for persons with disabilities. **Section 3** also revises the percentages of revenues deposited in the Fund that are required to be expended for programs to assist persons with disabilities to live independently.



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**Section 3** of this bill requires that the money allocated for programs relating to tobacco use be expended with a particular emphasis on programs that prevent the use of tobacco by children. **Section 3** also requires the Department to allocate 5 percent of the revenues deposited in the Fund to collect data, conduct research, perform assessments of needs and conduct evaluations concerning the allocations made by the Department. The remaining 10 percent of the revenues deposited in the Fund is allocated under existing law for programs that improve health services for children, and **section 3** requires that the money be expended with a particular emphasis on oral health.

Existing law establishes a program to provide subsidies for senior citizens and persons with disabilities for the cost of prescription drugs and pharmaceutical services and, for senior citizens, other benefits, including, without limitation, dental and vision benefits. (NRS 439.635-439.690, 439.705-439.795) **Sections 3, 4 and 5** of this bill specifically add hearing aids and other hearing devices to the list of benefits available for both senior citizens and persons with disabilities pursuant to these programs. **Sections 3 and 5** also make persons with disabilities eligible for the same additional benefits for which senior citizens are currently eligible under existing law, including, without limitation, dental and vision benefits. This bill also allows certain veterans to receive such benefits if they qualify as a senior citizen or person with a disability.

The Grants Management Advisory Committee provides assistance to the Department in the allocation and administration of certain grants administered by the Department. (NRS 232.383, 232.385) **Section 6.3** of this bill increases the membership of the Advisory Committee.

**Section 6.7** of this bill repeals the Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy Nevada.

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

**Section 1.** NRS 439.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

439.600 1. The Legislature hereby declares that its priorities in expending the proceeds to the State of Nevada from settlement agreements with and civil actions against manufacturers of tobacco products are:

(a) To increase the number of Nevada students who attend and graduate from Nevada institutions of higher education; and

(b) To assist Nevada residents in obtaining and maintaining good health.

2. To further these priorities, the Legislature hereby declares that it is in the best interest of the residents of this State that all money received by the State of Nevada pursuant to any settlement entered into by the State of Nevada and a manufacturer of tobacco products and all money recovered by the State of Nevada from a judgment in a civil action against a manufacturer of tobacco products be dedicated solely toward the achievement of the following goals:



(a) Increasing the number of Nevada residents who enroll in and attend a university, college or community college in the State of Nevada;

(b) Reducing and preventing the use of tobacco products, alcohol and illegal drugs, especially by children;

(c) Expanding the availability of health insurance and health care for children and adults in this State, especially for children and for adults with disabilities;

(d) Assisting senior citizens *and persons with disabilities* who have modest incomes in purchasing prescription drugs, pharmaceutical services and ~~[, to the extent money is available,]~~ other services, including, without limitation, dental and vision services, *, and hearing aids or other devices that enhance the ability to hear,* and assisting those senior citizens *and persons with disabilities* in meeting their needs related to health care, home care, respite care and their ability to live independent of institutional care; and

(e) Promoting the general health of all residents of the State of Nevada.

**Sec. 2.** NRS 439.620 is hereby amended to read as follows:

439.620 1. The Fund for a Healthy Nevada is hereby created in the State Treasury. The State Treasurer shall deposit in the Fund:

(a) Fifty percent of all money received by this State pursuant to any settlement entered into by the State of Nevada and a manufacturer of tobacco products; and

(b) Fifty percent of all money recovered by this State from a judgment in a civil action against a manufacturer of tobacco products.

2. The State Treasurer shall administer the Fund. As administrator of the Fund, the State Treasurer:

(a) Shall maintain the financial records of the Fund;

(b) Shall invest the money in the Fund as the money in other state funds is invested;

(c) Shall manage any account associated with the Fund;

(d) Shall maintain any instruments that evidence investments made with the money in the Fund;

(e) May contract with vendors for any good or service that is necessary to carry out the provisions of this section; and

(f) May perform any other duties necessary to administer the Fund.

3. The interest and income earned on the money in the Fund must, after deducting any applicable charges, be credited to the Fund. All claims against the Fund must be paid as other claims against the State are paid.



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1        4. ~~[Upon receiving a request from the]~~ *The* State Treasurer or  
2 the Department *may submit to the Interim Finance Committee a*  
3 *request* for an allocation for administrative expenses from the Fund  
4 pursuant to this section . ~~[, the Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy~~  
5 ~~Nevada shall consider the request within 45 days after receipt of the~~  
6 ~~request. If the Task Force approves the amount requested for~~  
7 ~~allocation, the Task Force shall notify the State Treasurer of the~~  
8 ~~allocation. If the Task Force does not approve the requested~~  
9 ~~allocation within 45 days after receipt of the request, the State~~  
10 ~~Treasurer or the Department, as applicable, may submit its request~~  
11 ~~for allocation to the Interim Finance Committee.]~~ Except as  
12 otherwise limited by this subsection, the Interim Finance Committee  
13 may allocate all or part of the money so requested. The annual  
14 allocation for administrative expenses from the Fund ~~[, whether~~  
15 ~~allocated by the Task Force or the Interim Finance Committee must~~  
16 ~~not exceed:]~~ *must:*

17        (a) Not ~~[more than]~~ *exceed* 2 percent of the money in the Fund,  
18 as calculated pursuant to this subsection, each year to pay the costs  
19 incurred by the State Treasurer to administer the Fund;

20        (b) Not ~~[more than]~~ *exceed* 2.025 percent of the money in the  
21 Fund, as calculated pursuant to this subsection, each year to pay  
22 the costs incurred by the Department, including, without limitation,  
23 the Aging Services Division of the Department, to carry out its  
24 duties set forth in NRS ~~[439.625 and]~~ 439.630;

25        (c) Not ~~[more than]~~ *exceed* 1.5 percent of the money in the  
26 Fund, as calculated pursuant to this subsection, each year to pay the  
27 costs incurred by the Department to administer the provisions of  
28 NRS 439.635 to 439.690, inclusive; and

29        (d) Not ~~[more than]~~ *exceed* 0.125 percent of the money in the  
30 Fund, as calculated pursuant to this subsection, each year to pay the  
31 costs incurred by the Department to administer the provisions of  
32 NRS 439.705 to 439.795, inclusive.

33        ➤ For the purposes of this subsection, the amount of money  
34 available for allocation to pay for the administrative costs must be  
35 calculated at the beginning of each fiscal year based on the total  
36 amount of money anticipated by the State Treasurer to be deposited  
37 in the Fund during that fiscal year.

38        5. The money in the Fund remains in the Fund and does not  
39 revert to the State General Fund at the end of any fiscal year.

40        6. All money that is deposited or paid into the Fund is hereby  
41 appropriated to the Department ~~[and, except as otherwise provided~~  
42 ~~in paragraphs (c) to (f), inclusive, and (j) of subsection 1 of NRS~~  
43 ~~439.630, may only be expended pursuant to an]~~ *for expenditure or*  
44 allocation ~~[made by the Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy~~  
45 ~~Nevada.]~~ *in accordance with the provisions of NRS 439.630.*



1 Money expended from the Fund ~~[for a Healthy Nevada]~~ must not be  
2 used to supplant existing methods of funding that are available to  
3 public agencies.

4 **Sec. 3.** NRS 439.630 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 439.630 1. The ~~[Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy~~  
6 ~~Nevada]~~ *Department* shall:

7 (a) Conduct , *or require the Grants Management Advisory*  
8 *Committee created by NRS 232.383 to conduct*, public hearings to  
9 accept public testimony from a wide variety of sources and  
10 perspectives regarding existing or proposed programs that:

11 (1) Promote public health;

12 (2) Improve health services for children, senior citizens and  
13 persons with disabilities;

14 (3) Reduce or prevent the use of tobacco;

15 (4) Reduce or prevent the abuse of and addiction to alcohol  
16 and drugs; and

17 (5) Offer other general or specific information on health care  
18 in this State.

19 (b) Establish a process to evaluate the health and health needs of  
20 the residents of this State and a system to rank the health problems  
21 of the residents of this State, including, without limitation, the  
22 specific health problems that are endemic to urban and rural  
23 communities.

24 (c) ~~[Reserve]~~ *Allocate* not more than 30 percent of ~~[all]~~  
25 *available* revenues ~~[deposited in the Fund for a Healthy Nevada~~  
26 ~~each year]~~ for direct expenditure by the Department to pay for  
27 prescription drugs, pharmaceutical services and ~~[, to the extent~~  
28 ~~money is available,]~~ other benefits, including, without limitation,  
29 dental and vision benefits *and hearing aids or other devices that*  
30 *enhance the ability to hear*, for senior citizens pursuant to NRS  
31 439.635 to 439.690, inclusive. From the money ~~[reserved]~~ *allocated*  
32 to the Department pursuant to this paragraph, the Department may  
33 subsidize any portion of the cost of providing prescription drugs,  
34 pharmaceutical services and ~~[, to the extent money is available,]~~  
35 other benefits, including, without limitation, dental and vision  
36 benefits *and hearing aids or other devices that enhance the ability*  
37 *to hear*, to senior citizens pursuant to NRS 439.635 to 439.690,  
38 inclusive. ~~[The Department shall consider recommendations from~~  
39 ~~the Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy Nevada in carrying out~~  
40 ~~the provisions of NRS 439.635 to 439.690, inclusive.]~~ The  
41 Department shall submit a quarterly report to the Governor, ~~[the~~  
42 ~~Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy Nevada and]~~ the Interim  
43 Finance Committee *and any other committees or commissions the*  
44 *Director deems appropriate* regarding the general manner in which



expenditures have been made pursuant to this paragraph . ~~[and the status of the program.]~~

(d) ~~[Reserve]~~ *Allocate, by contract or grant, for expenditure* not more than 30 percent ~~[minus \$350,000 of all]~~ *of available* revenues ~~[deposited in the Fund for a Healthy Nevada each year]~~ for allocation by the Aging Services Division of the Department in the form of grants for existing or new programs that assist senior citizens with independent living, including, without limitation, programs that provide:

(1) Respite care or relief of ~~[family]~~ *informal* caretakers;

(2) Transportation to new or existing services to assist senior citizens in living independently; and

(3) Care in the home which allows senior citizens to remain at home instead of in institutional care.

➔ The Aging Services Division of the Department shall consider recommendations from the ~~[Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy Nevada]~~ *Grants Management Advisory Committee* concerning the independent living needs of senior citizens.

(e) ~~[Reserve not more than]~~ *Allocate* \$200,000 of all revenues deposited in the Fund ~~[for a Healthy Nevada]~~ each year for ~~[allocation]~~ *direct expenditure* by the Director to:

(1) Provide guaranteed funding to finance assisted living facilities that satisfy the criteria for certification set forth in NRS 319.147; and

(2) Fund assisted living facilities that satisfy the criteria for certification set forth in NRS 319.147 and assisted living supportive services that are provided pursuant to the provisions of the home and community-based services waiver which are amended pursuant to NRS 422.2708.

➔ The Director shall develop policies and procedures for ~~[allocating money which is reserved]~~ *distributing the money allocated* pursuant to this paragraph. *Money allocated pursuant to this paragraph does not revert to the Fund at the end of the fiscal year.*

(f) ~~[Reserve \$150,000 of all revenues deposited in the Fund for a Healthy Nevada each year, if available, for allocation by the Aging Services Division of the Department in the form of contracts or grants for existing or new programs that provide dental benefits to persons who are domiciled in this State and are 62 years of age or older:]~~

~~—— (1) Who satisfy the residency requirement set forth in subsection 2 of NRS 439.665; and~~

~~—— (2) Whose incomes are not over the amounts set forth in subsection 2 of NRS 439.665, as adjusted pursuant to the provisions of that section.~~



1 ~~—(g)~~ Allocate, by contract or grant, for expenditure not more than  
2 ~~{20} 10~~ percent of ~~{all} available~~ revenues ~~{deposited in the Fund for~~  
3 ~~a Healthy Nevada each year}~~ for programs that prevent, reduce or  
4 treat the use of tobacco and the consequences of the use of tobacco  
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6 ~~—(h)~~, *with particular emphasis on programs that prevent the*  
7 *use of tobacco by children.*

8 (g) Allocate, by contract or grant, for expenditure not more than  
9 10 percent of ~~{all} available~~ revenues ~~{deposited in the Fund for a~~  
10 ~~Healthy Nevada each year}~~ for programs that improve health  
11 services for children ~~[-~~

12 ~~—(i)~~, *with particular emphasis on programs that improve the*  
13 *oral health of children.*

14 (h) Allocate, by contract or grant, for expenditure not more than  
15 ~~{7.5} 10~~ percent of ~~{all} available~~ revenues ~~{deposited in the Fund~~  
16 ~~for a Healthy Nevada each year}~~ for programs that improve the  
17 health and well-being of persons with disabilities. In making  
18 allocations pursuant to this paragraph, the ~~{Task Force}~~ *Department*  
19 shall, to the extent practicable, allocate the money evenly among the  
20 following three types of programs:

21 (1) Programs that provide respite ~~{for persons caring} care or~~  
22 *relief of informal caretakers* for persons with disabilities;

23 (2) Programs that provide positive behavioral supports to  
24 persons with disabilities; and

25 (3) Programs that assist persons with disabilities to live  
26 safely and independently in their communities outside of an  
27 institutional setting.

28 ~~{(j) Reserve}~~

29 (i) *Allocate* not more than ~~{2.5} 5~~ percent of ~~{all} available~~  
30 revenues ~~{deposited in the Fund for a Healthy Nevada each year}~~ for  
31 direct expenditure by the Department to subsidize any portion of the  
32 cost of providing prescription drugs , ~~{and}~~ pharmaceutical services  
33 *and other benefits, including, without limitation, dental and vision*  
34 *benefits and hearing aids or other devices that enhance the ability*  
35 *to hear*, to persons with disabilities pursuant to NRS 439.705 to  
36 439.795, inclusive. ~~{The Department shall consider~~  
37 ~~recommendations from the Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy~~  
38 ~~Nevada in carrying out the provisions of NRS 439.705 to 439.795,~~  
39 ~~inclusive.}~~

40 (j) *Allocate, by contract or grant, for expenditure not more*  
41 *than 5 percent of available revenues to collect data, conduct*  
42 *research, perform assessments of needs and conduct evaluations*  
43 *concerning the money allocated pursuant to this section.*

44 (k) Maximize expenditures through local, federal and private  
45 matching contributions.



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(l) Ensure that any money expended from the Fund ~~{for a Healthy Nevada}~~ will not be used to supplant existing methods of funding that are available to public agencies.

(m) Develop policies and procedures for the administration and distribution of contracts, grants and other expenditures to state agencies, political subdivision of this State, nonprofit organizations, universities, state colleges and community colleges. A condition of any such contract or grant must be that not more than 8 percent of the contract or grant may be used for administrative expenses or other indirect costs. The procedures must require at least one competitive round of requests for proposals per biennium.

(n) To make the allocations required by paragraphs (f), (g) ~~{}~~ and (h) : ~~{and (i)-}~~

(1) Prioritize and quantify the needs for these programs;

(2) Develop, solicit and accept applications for allocations;

(3) *Consider the recommendations of the Grants Management Advisory Committee submitted pursuant to NRS 232.385;*

(4) Conduct annual evaluations of programs to which allocations have been awarded; and

~~{(4)}~~ (5) Submit annual reports concerning the programs to the Governor , ~~{and}~~ the Interim Finance Committee ~~{}~~ and *any other committees or commissions the Director deems appropriate.*

(o) Transmit a report of all findings, recommendations and expenditures to the Governor , ~~{and}~~ each regular session of the Legislature ~~{}~~ and *any other committees or commissions the Director deems appropriate.*

2. The ~~{Task Force}~~ *Department* may take such other actions as are necessary to carry out its duties.

3. ~~{The Department shall take all actions necessary to ensure that all allocations for expenditures made by the Task Force are carried out as directed by the Task Force.~~

~~—4.—~~ ~~{}~~ To make the allocations required by ~~{paragraphs (d) and (f)}~~ *paragraph (d)* of subsection 1, the Aging Services Division of the Department shall:

(a) Prioritize and quantify the needs of senior citizens for these programs;

(b) Develop, solicit and accept grant applications for allocations;

(c) As appropriate, expand or augment existing state programs for senior citizens upon approval of the Interim Finance Committee;

(d) Award grants, contracts or other allocations;

(e) Conduct annual evaluations of programs to which grants or other allocations have been awarded; and

(f) Submit annual reports concerning the allocations made by the Aging Services Division pursuant to ~~{paragraphs}~~ *paragraph (d)*





~~[and (f)]~~ of subsection 1 to the Governor, ~~[and]~~ the Interim Finance Committee ~~[ ]~~ *and any other committees or commissions the Director deems appropriate.*

~~[5-]~~ 4. The Aging Services Division of the Department shall submit each proposed grant or contract which would be used to expand or augment an existing state program to the Interim Finance Committee for approval before the grant or contract is awarded. The request for approval must include a description of the proposed use of the money and the person or entity that would be authorized to expend the money. The Aging Services Division of the Department shall not expend or transfer any money allocated to the Aging Services Division pursuant to this section to subsidize any portion of the cost of providing prescription drugs, ~~[and]~~ pharmaceutical services *and other benefits, including, without limitation, dental and vision benefits and hearing aids or other devices that enhance the ability to hear,* to senior citizens pursuant to NRS 439.635 to 439.690, inclusive, or to subsidize any portion of the cost of providing prescription drugs, ~~[and]~~ pharmaceutical services *and other benefits, including, without limitation, dental and vision benefits and hearing aids or other devices that enhance the ability to hear,* to persons with disabilities pursuant to NRS 439.705 to 439.795, inclusive.

~~[6. The Department, on behalf of the Task Force, shall submit each allocation proposed pursuant to paragraph (g), (h) or (i) of subsection 1 which would be used to expand or augment an existing state program to the Interim Finance Committee for approval before the contract or grant is awarded. The request for approval must include a description of the proposed use of the money and the person or entity that would be authorized to expend the money.]~~

5. *A veteran may receive benefits or other services which are available from the money allocated pursuant to this section for senior citizens or persons with disabilities to the extent that the veteran does not receive other benefits or services provided to veterans for the same purpose if the veteran qualifies for the benefits or services as a senior citizen or a person with a disability, or both.*

6. *As used in this section, "available revenues" means the total revenues deposited in the Fund for a Healthy Nevada each year minus \$200,000.*

**Sec. 4.** NRS 439.665 is hereby amended to read as follows:

439.665 1. The Department may:

(a) Enter into contracts with private insurers who transact health insurance in this State to subsidize the cost of prescription drugs, pharmaceutical services and ~~[to the extent money is available,]~~ other benefits, including, without limitation, dental and vision



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benefits ~~[;]~~ *and hearing aids or other devices that enhance the ability to hear*, for senior citizens by arranging for the availability, at a reasonable cost, of policies of health insurance that provide coverage to senior citizens for prescription drugs, pharmaceutical services and ~~[; to the extent money is available,]~~ other benefits, including, without limitation, dental and vision benefits ~~[;]~~ *and hearing aids or other devices that enhance the ability to hear*; or

(b) Subsidize the cost of prescription drugs, pharmaceutical services and ~~[; to the extent money is available,]~~ other benefits, including, without limitation, dental and vision benefits ~~[;]~~ *and hearing aids or other devices that enhance the ability to hear*, for senior citizens in any other manner.

2. Within the limits of the money available for this purpose in the Fund for a Healthy Nevada, a senior citizen who is not eligible for Medicaid and who is eligible for a subsidy that is made available pursuant to subsection 1 is entitled to an annual grant from the Fund to subsidize the cost of prescription drugs, pharmaceutical services and ~~[; to the extent money is available,]~~ other benefits, including, without limitation, dental and vision benefits ~~[;]~~ *and hearing aids or other devices that enhance the ability to hear*, if he has been domiciled in this State for at least 1 year immediately preceding the date of his application and ~~[;]~~ *except as otherwise provided in subsection 5:*

(a) If the senior citizen is single, his income is not over \$21,500; or

(b) If the senior citizen is married, his household income is not over \$28,660.

➔ The monetary amounts set forth in this subsection must be adjusted for each fiscal year by adding to each amount the product of the amount shown multiplied by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index from December 2002 to the December preceding the fiscal year for which the adjustment is calculated.

3. The subsidy granted pursuant to this section must not exceed the annual cost of prescription drugs, pharmaceutical services and other benefits , *including, without limitation, dental and vision benefits and hearing aids or other devices that enhance the ability to hear*, provided to the senior citizen.

4. A subsidy that is made available pursuant to subsection 1 must provide for:

(a) A copayment of not more than \$10 per prescription drug or pharmaceutical service that is generic as set forth in the formulary of the insurer or as set forth by the Department; and

(b) A copayment of not more than \$25 per prescription drug or pharmaceutical service that is preferred as set forth in the formulary of the insurer or as set forth by the Department.



5. The Department may waive the eligibility requirement set forth in subsection 2 regarding household income upon written request of the applicant or enrollee based on one or more of the following circumstances:

(a) Illness;

(b) Disability; or

(c) Extreme financial hardship, when considering the current financial circumstances of the applicant or enrollee.

➔ An applicant or enrollee who requests such a waiver shall include with that request all medical and financial documents that support his request.

6. If the Federal Government provides any coverage for:

(a) Prescription drugs and pharmaceutical services; or

(b) Other benefits, including, without limitation, dental or vision benefits ~~[,]~~ *or hearing aids or other devices that enhance the ability to hear,*

➔ for senior citizens who are eligible for a subsidy pursuant to subsections 1 to 5, inclusive, the Department may, upon approval of the Legislature, or the Interim Finance Committee if the Legislature is not in session, change any program established pursuant to NRS 439.635 to 439.690, inclusive, and otherwise provide assistance with prescription drugs, pharmaceutical services and ~~[, to the extent money is available,]~~ other benefits, including, without limitation, dental and vision benefits *and hearing aids or other devices that enhance the ability to hear,* for senior citizens within the limits of the money available for this purpose in the Fund . ~~[for a Healthy Nevada.]~~

7. The provisions of subsections 1 to 5, inclusive, do not apply to the extent that the Department provides assistance *with prescription drugs, pharmaceutical services and other benefits, including, without limitation, dental and vision benefits and hearing aids or other devices that enhance the ability to hear,* for senior citizens pursuant to subsection 6.

*8. A veteran may receive assistance with prescription drugs, pharmaceutical services and other benefits, including, without limitation, dental and vision benefits and hearing aids or other devices that enhance the ability to hear, pursuant to this section to the extent that the veteran does not receive other services or benefits provided to veterans for the same purpose if the veteran qualifies for the assistance as a senior citizen.*

**Sec. 5.** NRS 439.745 is hereby amended to read as follows:

439.745 1. The Department may:

(a) Enter into contracts with private insurers who transact health insurance in this State to subsidize the cost of prescription drugs , ~~[and]~~ pharmaceutical services *and other benefits, including,*



1 *without limitation, dental and vision benefits and hearing aids or*  
2 *other devices that enhance the ability to hear,* for persons with  
3 disabilities by arranging for the availability, at a reasonable cost, of  
4 policies of health insurance that provide coverage to persons with  
5 disabilities for prescription drugs , ~~[and]~~ pharmaceutical services ~~[;]~~  
6 *and other benefits, including, without limitation, dental and vision*  
7 *benefits and hearing aids or other devices that enhance the ability*  
8 *to hear;* or

9 (b) Subsidize the cost of prescription drugs , ~~[and]~~  
10 pharmaceutical services *and other benefits, including, without*  
11 *limitation, dental and vision benefits and hearing aids or other*  
12 *devices that enhance the ability to hear,* for persons with  
13 disabilities in any other manner.

14 2. Within the limits of the money available for this purpose in  
15 the Fund for a Healthy Nevada, a person with a disability who is not  
16 eligible for Medicaid and who is eligible for a subsidy for the cost of  
17 prescription drugs , ~~[and]~~ pharmaceutical services *and other*  
18 *benefits, including, without limitation, dental and vision benefits*  
19 *and hearing aids or other devices that enhance the ability to hear*  
20 that is made available pursuant to subsection 1 is entitled to an  
21 annual grant from the Fund to subsidize the cost of prescription  
22 drugs , ~~[and]~~ pharmaceutical services ~~[;]~~ *and other benefits,*  
23 *including, without limitation, dental and vision benefits and*  
24 *hearing aids or other devices that enhance the ability to hear,* if he  
25 has been domiciled in this State for at least 1 year immediately  
26 preceding the date of his application and ~~[;]~~ *except as otherwise*  
27 *provided in subsection 5:*

28 (a) If the person with a disability is single, his income is not  
29 over \$21,500; or

30 (b) If the person with a disability is married, his household  
31 income is not over \$28,660.

32 ➔ The monetary amounts set forth in this subsection must be  
33 adjusted for each fiscal year by adding to each amount the product  
34 of the amount shown multiplied by the percentage increase in the  
35 Consumer Price Index from December 2002 to the December  
36 preceding the fiscal year for which the adjustment is calculated.

37 3. The subsidy granted pursuant to this section must not exceed  
38 the annual cost of prescription drugs , ~~[and]~~ pharmaceutical services  
39 *and other benefits, including, without limitation, dental and vision*  
40 *benefits and hearing aids or other devices that enhance the ability*  
41 *to hear,* provided to the person with a disability.

42 4. A subsidy that is made available pursuant to subsection 1  
43 must provide for:



(a) A copayment of not more than \$10 per prescription drug or pharmaceutical service that is generic as set forth in the formulary of the insurer or as set forth by the Department; and

(b) A copayment of not more than \$25 per prescription drug or pharmaceutical service that is preferred as set forth in the formulary of the insurer or as set forth by the Department.

5. The Department may waive the eligibility requirement set forth in subsection 2 regarding household income upon written request of the applicant or enrollee based on one or more of the following circumstances:

(a) Illness;

(b) Disability; or

(c) Extreme financial hardship, when considering the current financial circumstances of the applicant or enrollee.

➔ An applicant or enrollee who requests such a waiver shall include with that request all medical and financial documents that support his request.

6. If the Federal Government provides any coverage ~~for~~ **prescription** for:

(a) *Prescription* drugs and pharmaceutical services ; or

(b) *Other benefits, including, without limitation, dental or vision benefits or hearing aids or other devices that enhance the ability to hear,*

➔ for persons with disabilities who are eligible for a subsidy pursuant to subsections 1 to 5, inclusive, the Department may, upon approval of the Legislature, or the Interim Finance Committee if the Legislature is not in session, change any program established pursuant to NRS 439.705 to 439.795, inclusive, and otherwise provide assistance with prescription drugs , ~~and~~ **and other benefits, including, without limitation, dental and vision benefits and hearing aids or other devices that enhance the ability to hear,** for persons with disabilities within the limits of the money available for this purpose in the Fund . ~~for a Healthy Nevada.~~

7. The provisions of subsections 1 to 5, inclusive, do not apply if the Department provides assistance with prescription drugs , ~~and~~ **and other benefits, including, without limitation, dental and vision benefits and hearing aids or other devices that enhance the ability to hear,** for persons with disabilities pursuant to subsection 6.

8. *A veteran may receive assistance with prescription drugs, pharmaceutical services and other benefits, including, without limitation, dental and vision benefits and hearing aids or other devices that enhance the ability to hear, pursuant to this section to the extent that the veteran does not receive other services or*



*benefits provided to veterans for the same purpose if the veteran qualifies for the assistance as a person with a disability.*

**Sec. 6.** (Deleted by amendment.)

**Sec. 6.3.** NRS 232.383 is hereby amended to read as follows:

232.383 1. The Grants Management Advisory Committee is hereby created within the Department ~~[ ]~~, *consisting of 17 members.*

2. The Advisory Committee consists of ~~[the following 11]~~:

*(a) The following 15* members appointed by the Director:

~~[(a)]~~ (1) A superintendent of a county school district;

~~[(b)]~~ (2) A director of a local agency providing services for abused or neglected children;

~~[(c)]~~ (3) A representative of a community organization involved with children;

~~[(d)]~~ (4) A representative of a department of juvenile justice services;

~~[(e)]~~ (5) A member who possesses knowledge, skill and experience in the provision of services to senior citizens;

~~[(f)]~~ (6) Two members who possess knowledge, skill and experience in finance or in business generally;

~~[(g)]~~ (7) A representative of the Nevada Association of Counties;

~~[(h)]~~ (8) A representative of a broad-based nonprofit organization who possesses knowledge, skill and experience in collaborating with the community and in building partnerships between the public sector and the private sector; ~~and~~

~~[(i)]~~ (9) Two members of the public who possess knowledge of or experience in the provision of services to persons or families who are disadvantaged or at risk ~~[ ]~~;

*(10) A member who possesses knowledge, skill and experience in the provision of services to persons with disabilities;*

*(11) A member who possesses knowledge, skill and experience in the provision of services relating to the cessation of the use of tobacco;*

*(12) A member who possesses knowledge, skill and experience in the provision of health services to children; and*

*(13) A representative who is a member of the Nevada Commission on Aging, created by NRS 427A.032, who must not be a Legislator.*

*(b) One member of the Senate appointed by the Legislative Commission, who is a nonvoting member of the Advisory Committee.*

*(c) One member of the Assembly appointed by the Legislative Commission, who is a nonvoting member of the Advisory Committee.*



1        3. ~~[The Director]~~ *Each person who appoints members*  
2 *pursuant to subsection 2* shall ensure that, insofar as practicable,  
3 the members whom he appoints reflect the ethnic and geographical  
4 diversity of this State.

5        4. After the initial terms, each member of the Advisory  
6 Committee serves for a term of 2 years. Each member of the  
7 Advisory Committee continues in office until his successor is  
8 appointed.

9        5. Each member of the Advisory Committee who is not an  
10 officer or employee of this State or a political subdivision of this  
11 State is entitled to receive a salary of not more than \$80 per day,  
12 fixed by the Director, while engaged in the business of the Advisory  
13 Committee.

14        6. While engaged in the business of the Advisory Committee,  
15 each member of the Advisory Committee is entitled to receive the  
16 per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers  
17 and employees generally.

18        7. A majority of the members of the Advisory Committee  
19 constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority  
20 of a quorum present at any meeting is sufficient for any official  
21 action taken by the Advisory Committee.

22        8. A member of the Advisory Committee who is an officer or  
23 employee of this State or a political subdivision of this State must be  
24 relieved from his duties without loss of his regular compensation so  
25 that he may prepare for and attend meetings of the Advisory  
26 Committee and perform any work necessary to carry out the duties  
27 of the Advisory Committee in the most timely manner practicable.  
28 A state agency or political subdivision of this State shall not require  
29 an officer or employee who is a member of the Advisory Committee  
30 to:

31        (a) Make up the time he is absent from work to carry out his  
32 duties as a member of the Advisory Committee; or

33        (b) Take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.

34        9. The Advisory Committee shall:

35        (a) At its first meeting and annually thereafter, elect a Chairman  
36 from among its members;

37        (b) Meet at the call of the Director, the Chairman or a majority  
38 of its members as necessary, within the budget of the Advisory  
39 Committee, but not to exceed six meetings per year; and

40        (c) Adopt rules for its own management and government.

41        **Sec. 6.5.** NRS 232.385 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42        232.385 The Grants Management Advisory Committee created  
43 by NRS 232.383 shall:

44        1. Review all requests received by the Department for awards  
45 of money from agencies of the State or its political subdivisions and



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1 nonprofit community organizations or educational institutions which  
2 provide or will provide services to persons served by the programs  
3 administered by the Department;

4 2. Submit recommendations to the Director concerning each  
5 request for an award of money that the Advisory Committee  
6 believes should be granted, including, without limitation, the name  
7 of the agency, nonprofit community organization or educational  
8 institution that submitted the request;

9 3. Adopt policies setting forth criteria to determine which  
10 agencies, organizations and institutions to recommend for an award  
11 of money;

12 4. Monitor awards of money granted by the Department to  
13 agencies of the State or its political subdivisions, and nonprofit  
14 community organizations or educational institutions which provide  
15 or will provide services to persons served by the programs  
16 administered by the Department ~~(f)~~, *including, without limitation,*  
17 *awards of money granted pursuant to NRS 439.630;*

18 5. Assist the staff of the Department in determining the needs  
19 of local communities and in setting priorities for funding programs  
20 administered by the Department; and

21 6. Consider funding strategies for the Department, including,  
22 without limitation, seeking ways to avoid unnecessary duplication of  
23 the services for which awards of money to agencies of the State or  
24 its political subdivisions and nonprofit community organizations or  
25 educational institutions are granted, and make recommendations  
26 concerning funding strategies to the Director.

27 **Sec. 6.7.** NRS 439.625 is hereby repealed.

28 **Sec. 7.** Any money allocated or reserved for direct expenditure  
29 pursuant to paragraph (f) of subsection 1 of NRS 439.630 on or  
30 before June 30, 2008, that is unspent and returned must be allocated,  
31 on and after July 1, 2008, in accordance with the amendatory  
32 provisions of paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 439.630.

33 **Sec. 7.5.** 1. The Legislative Commission shall appoint a  
34 member of the Senate to serve as a nonvoting member of the Grants  
35 Management Advisory Committee pursuant to NRS 232.383, as  
36 amended by section 6.3 of this act, whose term begins on July 1,  
37 2007, and expires on June 30, 2008.

38 2. The Legislative Commission shall appoint a member of the  
39 Assembly to serve as a nonvoting member of the Grants  
40 Management Advisory Committee pursuant to NRS 232.383, as  
41 amended by section 6.3 of this act, whose term begins on July 1,  
42 2007, and expires on June 30, 2009.

43 3. The Director of the Department of Health and Human  
44 Services shall appoint one member to the Grants Management



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1 Advisory Committee pursuant to NRS 232.383, as amended by  
2 section 6.3 of this act, who:

3 (a) Possesses knowledge, skill and experience in the provision  
4 of services to persons with disabilities whose term begins on July 1,  
5 2007, and expires on June 30, 2008.

6 (b) Possesses knowledge, skill and experience in the provision  
7 of services relating to the cessation of the use of tobacco whose term  
8 begins on July 1, 2007, and expires on June 30, 2009.

9 (c) Possesses knowledge, skill and experience in the provision  
10 of health services to children whose term begins on July 1, 2007,  
11 and expires on June 30, 2009.

12 (d) Is a member of the Nevada Commission on Aging whose  
13 term begins on July 1, 2007, and expires on June 30, 2008.

14 **Sec. 8.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

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### TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

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**439.625 Task Force for Fund: Creation; membership; selection and term of Chairman and Vice Chairman; compensation of members; relief from regular duties of member who is officer or employee of local government; administrative support and technical assistance.**

1. The Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy Nevada is hereby created. The membership of the Task Force consists of:

(a) Three members appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate, one of whom must be a Senator and one of whom must be a member of a nonprofit organization dedicated to health issues in this State;

(b) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, one of whom must be an Assemblyman and one of whom must be a member of a nonprofit organization dedicated to health issues in this State; and

(c) Three members appointed by the Governor, one of whom must have experience with and knowledge of matters relating to health care.

↳ Each member appointed pursuant to this subsection must be a resident of this State and must not be employed in the Executive or Judicial Branch of State Government. Each person who appoints members pursuant to this subsection shall ensure that insofar as practicable, the members whom he appoints reflect the ethnic and geographical diversity of this State.



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2. At its first meeting on or after July 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Task Force shall select the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Task Force from among the legislative members of the Task Force. Each such officer shall hold office for a term of 2 years or until his successor is selected. The chairmanship of the Task Force must alternate each biennium between the houses of the Legislature.

3. For each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Task Force who is a Legislator attends a meeting of the Task Force or is otherwise engaged in the work of the Task Force, except during a regular or special session of the Legislature, he is entitled to receive the:

(a) Compensation provided for a majority of the members of the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding session;

(b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally; and

(c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218.2207.

➤ The compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses of the legislative members of the Task Force must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

4. Members of the Task Force who are not Legislators serve without salary, except that they are entitled to receive travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally. The travel expenses of:

(a) A member of the Task Force who is an officer or employee of a local government thereof must be paid by the local government that employs him.

(b) Each remaining member of the Task Force must be paid from the Legislative Fund.

5. Each member of the Task Force who is an officer or employee of a local government must be relieved from his duties without loss of his regular compensation so that he may perform his duties relating to the Task Force in the most timely manner practicable. A local government shall not require an officer or employee who is a member of the Task Force to:

(a) Make up the time he is absent from work to fulfill his obligations as a member of the Task Force; or

(b) Take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.

6. The Legislative Counsel Bureau and the Department shall provide such administrative support to the Task Force as is required to carry out the duties of the Task Force. The State Health Officer shall provide such technical advice and assistance to the Task Force as is requested by the Task Force.

