

SENATE BILL NO. 142—COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES AND EDUCATION

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

FEBRUARY 22, 2007

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing certain forms used by
hospitals in this State. (BDR 40-602)

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 provisions concerning
the billing form that a hospital in this State is required to
use for all patients discharged from the hospital; and
providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 This bill eliminates references in existing law to the uniform billing form
- 2 commonly referred to as the "UB-82," therefore requiring hospitals to use the
- 3 billing form prescribed by the Director of the Department of Health and Human
- 4 Services with the approval of a majority of the hospitals licensed in this State for all
- 5 patients discharged. (NRS 449.485, 686A.315)

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 449.485 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 449.485 1. Each hospital in this State shall use for all patients
- 3 discharged ~~the form commonly referred to as the "UB-82," or a~~
- 4 ~~different~~ *a* form prescribed by the Director with the approval of a
- 5 majority of the hospitals licensed in this State, and shall include in
- 6 the form all information required by the Department. *Any form*



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prescribed by the Director must be a form that is commonly used nationwide by hospitals, if applicable, and comply with federal laws and regulations.

2. The Department shall by regulation:

(a) Specify the information required to be included in the form for each patient; and

(b) Require each hospital to provide specified information from the form to the Department.

3. Each insurance company or other payer shall accept the form as the bill for services provided by hospitals in this State.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, each hospital with 100 or more beds shall provide the information required pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 on magnetic tape or by other means specified by the Department, or shall provide copies of the forms and pay the costs of entering the information manually from the copies.

5. The Director may exempt a hospital from the requirements of subsection 4 if requiring the hospital to comply with the requirements would cause the hospital financial hardship.

Sec. 2. NRS 686A.315 is hereby amended to read as follows:

686A.315 1. If a hospital submits to an insurer the form ~~commonly referred to as the "UB-82," the~~ *prescribed by the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to NRS 449.485, that* form must contain or be accompanied by a statement ~~in substantially the following form:} that reads substantially as follows:~~

Any person who misrepresents or falsifies essential information requested on this form may, upon conviction, be subject to a fine and imprisonment under state or federal law, or both.

2. If a person who is licensed to practice one of the health professions regulated by title 54 of NRS submits to an insurer the form commonly referred to as the "HCFA-1500" for a patient who is not covered by any governmental program which offers insurance coverage for health care, the form must be accompanied by a statement ~~in substantially the following form:} that reads substantially as follows:~~

Any person who knowingly files a statement of claim containing any misrepresentation or any false, incomplete or misleading information may be guilty of a criminal act punishable under state or federal law, or both, and may be subject to civil penalties.



- 1 3. The failure to provide any of the statements required by this
- 2 section is not a defense in a prosecution for insurance fraud pursuant
- 3 to NRS 686A.291.
- 4 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

