

SENATE BILL NO. 311—SENATOR HORSFORD

MARCH 19, 2007

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Education

SUMMARY—Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a system that allows applications for Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program to be submitted electronically. (BDR 38-606)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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 welfare; requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a system that allows applications for Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program to be submitted electronically; requiring agencies that receive applications or determine eligibility for these programs to use the system to forward applications; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law provides for the administration of many welfare programs  
2 pursuant to federal law, including the plans commonly known as Medicaid and the  
3 Children’s Health Insurance Program. (Chapters 422 and 422A of NRS) **Section 1**  
4 of this bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to  
5 establish a system that would allow a person to submit electronic applications for  
6 benefits pursuant to these programs. This bill further requires agencies that are  
7 designated by the Director of the Department to receive applications or determine  
8 eligibility for the programs to use the system to forward applications, but applicants  
9 for services may not be required to submit applications electronically.



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

**Section 1.** Chapter 422 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*1. The Department shall establish a system to allow an applicant for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program to submit the application electronically. The system must allow an applicant to submit an application through the Internet or another on-line service.*

*2. Agencies designated by the Director to receive applications or determine eligibility for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program shall use the system developed pursuant to subsection 1 to forward all applications they receive.*

*3. An applicant for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program must not be required to submit an application electronically. If an applicant submits a written application to an agency designated by the Director pursuant to subsection 2, the agency shall create an electronic application and forward the application through the system established pursuant to this section.*

**Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

