

Amendment No. 342

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 433 (BDR 40-976)

Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services**Amends:** Summary: Yes Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

Adoption of this amendment will MAINTAIN the unfunded mandate not requested by the affected local government to A.B. 433 (§ 1).

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) *green bold italic underlining* is new language proposed in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill that is proposed to be retained in this amendment; and (6) green bold dashed underlining is newly added transitory language.

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Date: 4/13/2009

A.B. No. 433—Requires county hospitals to provide cancer treatment as part of their care to indigent persons. (BDR 40-976)



ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 433—ASSEMBLYMEN PIERCE, HORNE, BUCKLEY; ARBERRY, ATKINSON, HOGAN, KIHUEN, KIRKPATRICK, LESLIE, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL AND SEGERBLOM

MARCH 16, 2009

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR PARKS

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Requires county hospitals to provide **outpatient** cancer treatment as part of their care to indigent persons. (BDR 40-976)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: No.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 1)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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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 county hospitals; requiring a county hospital to provide **outpatient** cancer treatment as part of its care to indigent persons; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Counties are required through county hospitals to provide care to indigent persons. (NRS
2 428.010, 450.420) This bill requires that the care include the **outpatient** treatment of cancer if
3 the indigent person is a resident of ~~Nevada~~ **the county in which the hospital is located** and
4 was a resident **of that county** at the time the person was diagnosed with cancer, but clarifies
5 that this does not prohibit the hospital from providing uncompensated care for the **outpatient**
6 treatment of cancer to other persons.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 450.420 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 450.420 1. The board of county commissioners of the county in which a
3 ~~public~~ **county** hospital is located may determine whether patients presented to the
4 ~~public~~ **county** hospital for treatment are subjects of charity. Except as otherwise
5 provided in NRS 439B.330, the board of county commissioners shall establish by
6 ordinance criteria and procedures to be used in the determination of eligibility for
7 medical care as medical indigents or subjects of charity.

2. A county hospital must provide outpatient cancer treatment to indigent persons who are residents of ~~this State~~ that county and were residents of ~~this State~~ that county at the time that they were diagnosed with cancer. This subsection does not prohibit a county hospital from providing uncompensated care for the outpatient treatment of cancer to other persons.

3. The board of hospital trustees shall fix the charges for treatment of those persons able to pay for the charges, as the board deems just and proper. The board of hospital trustees may impose an interest charge of not more than 12 percent per annum on unpaid accounts. The receipts must be paid to the county treasurer and credited by him to the hospital fund. In fixing charges pursuant to this subsection the board of hospital trustees shall not include, or seek to recover from paying patients, any portion of the expense of the hospital which is properly attributable to the care of indigent patients.

~~3.4~~ 4. Except as provided in subsection ~~4.4~~ 5 of this section and subsection 3 of NRS 439B.320, the county is chargeable with the entire cost of services rendered by the hospital and any salaried staff physician or employee to any person admitted for emergency treatment, including all reasonably necessary recovery, convalescent and follow-up inpatient care required for any such person as determined by the board of trustees of the hospital, but the hospital shall use reasonable diligence to collect the charges from the emergency patient or any other person responsible for his support. Any amount collected must be reimbursed or credited to the county.

~~4.4~~ 5. The county is not chargeable with the cost of services rendered by the hospital or any attending staff physician or surgeon to the extent the hospital is reimbursed for those services pursuant to NRS 428.115 to 428.255, inclusive.

Sec. 2. NRS 450.425 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450.425 1. The board of county commissioners of a county in which a county hospital is established may, upon approval by a majority of the voters voting on the question in an election held throughout the county, levy an ad valorem tax of not more than 2.5 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation upon all taxable property in the county, to pay the cost of services rendered in the county by the hospital pursuant to subsection ~~3.4~~ 4 of NRS 450.420. The approval required by this subsection may be requested at any primary or general election.

2. Any tax imposed pursuant to this section is in addition to the taxes imposed pursuant to NRS 428.050, 428.185 and 428.285. The proceeds of any tax levied pursuant to this section are exempt from the limitations imposed by NRS 354.59811, 428.050 and 428.285 and must be excluded in determining the maximum rate of tax authorized by those sections.

Sec. 3. The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.