

Amendment No. 444

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 515	(BDR 57-1175)
Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor	
Amends: Summary: Yes Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes	

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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: 4/15/2009

A.B. No. 515—Requires policies of health insurance and contracts for health care services providing coverage for treatment by certain professionals to also cover treatment by interns. (BDR 57-1175)



ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 515—COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION)

MARCH 23, 2009

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—~~[Requires policies of health insurance and contracts for health care services providing coverage for treatment by certain professionals to also cover treatment by interns.]~~ Makes various changes relating to the provision of and reimbursement for certain services to assist families. (BDR 57-1175)

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 ~~[mental health;]~~ domestic relations; requiring policies of health insurance and contracts for health care services providing coverage for treatment by licensed marriage and family therapists or clinical social workers to also cover treatment by interns; requiring interest and income earned on money in the Account for Aid for Victims of Domestic Violence to be credited to the Account; requiring social worker interns to make certain disclosures before providing services to a client; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Sections 1-8 of this bill provide that if certain policies of health insurance or contracts for health care services provide coverage for treatment by licensed marriage and family therapists or clinical social workers, that coverage will also include treatment by interns.

Existing law requires a marriage and family therapist intern to inform a client that he is an intern before providing any services to the client. (NRS 641A.2876) Section 10 of this bill similarly requires a social worker intern to inform a client that he is an intern before providing any social work services to the client.

Section 9 of this bill provides that interest and income earned on money in the Account for Aid for Victims of Domestic Violence to be credited to the Account.

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

Section 1. NRS 689A.0483 is hereby amended to read as follows:

689A.0483 If any policy of health insurance provides coverage for treatment of an illness which is within the authorized scope of practice of a licensed marriage and family therapist or licensed clinical professional counselor, the insured is entitled to reimbursement for treatment by ~~the~~:

1. A marriage and family therapist ~~the~~;

2. A clinical professional counselor; or

3. *A marriage and family therapist intern who is working under the direct supervision of an approved supervisor as defined in NRS 641A.025 and,*
who is licensed pursuant to chapter 641A of NRS.

Sec. 2. NRS 689A.0485 is hereby amended to read as follows:

689A.0485 1. If any policy of health insurance provides coverage for treatment of an illness which is within the authorized scope of the practice of a licensed associate in social work, social worker, independent social worker or clinical social worker, the insured is entitled to reimbursement for treatment by an associate in social work, social worker, independent social worker or clinical social worker who is licensed pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS ~~the~~ *or a social worker intern.*

2. *For the purposes of this section, "social worker intern" means an applicant for licensure:*

(a) As an independent social worker pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS who has not yet completed the requirements of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 641B.230; or

(b) As a clinical social worker pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS who has not yet completed the requirements of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 641B.240,

and who is working under the direct supervision of a qualified social worker in postgraduate social work approved by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers.

Sec. 3. NRS 689B.0383 is hereby amended to read as follows:

689B.0383 If any policy of group health insurance provides coverage for treatment of an illness which is within the authorized scope of practice of a licensed marriage and family therapist or licensed clinical professional counselor, the insured is entitled to reimbursement for treatment by ~~the~~:

1. A marriage and family therapist ~~the~~;

2. A clinical professional counselor; or

3. *A marriage and family therapist intern who is working under the direct supervision of an approved supervisor as defined in NRS 641A.025 and,*

who is licensed pursuant to chapter 641A of NRS.

Sec. 4. NRS 689B.0385 is hereby amended to read as follows:

689B.0385 1. If any policy of group health insurance provides coverage for treatment of an illness which is within the authorized scope of the practice of a licensed associate in social work, social worker, independent social worker or clinical social worker, the insured is entitled to reimbursement for treatment by an associate in social work, social worker, independent social worker or clinical social worker who is licensed pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS ~~the~~ *or a social worker intern.*

2. *For the purposes of this section, "social worker intern" means an applicant for licensure:*

1 (a) As an independent social worker pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS who
2 has not yet completed the requirements of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS
3 641B.230; or

4 (b) As a clinical social worker pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS who has not
5 yet completed the requirements of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of
6 NRS 641B.240,
7 and who is working under the direct supervision of a qualified social worker in
8 postgraduate social work approved by the Board of Examiners for Social
9 Workers.

10 Sec. 5. NRS 695B.1973 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 695B.1973 If any contract for hospital or medical service provides coverage
12 for treatment of an illness which is within the authorized scope of practice of a
13 licensed marriage and family therapist or licensed clinical professional counselor,
14 the insured is entitled to reimbursement for treatment by ~~the~~ :

15 1. A marriage and family therapist ~~the~~;

16 2. A clinical professional counselor ; or

17 3. A marriage and family therapist intern who is working under the direct
18 supervision of an approved supervisor as defined in NRS 641A.025 and,

19 who is licensed pursuant to chapter 641A of NRS.

20 Sec. 6. NRS 695B.1975 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 695B.1975 1. If any contract for hospital or medical service provides
22 coverage for treatment of an illness which is within the authorized scope of the
23 practice of a licensed associate in social work, social worker, independent social
24 worker or clinical social worker, the insured is entitled to reimbursement for
25 treatment by an associate in social work, social worker, independent social worker
26 or clinical social worker who is licensed pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS ~~the~~ or a
27 social worker intern.

28 2. For the purposes of this section, "social worker intern" means an
29 applicant for licensure:

30 (a) As an independent social worker pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS who
31 has not yet completed the requirements of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS
32 641B.230; or

33 (b) As a clinical social worker pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS who has not
34 yet completed the requirements of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of
35 NRS 641B.240,

36 and who is working under the direct supervision of a qualified social worker in
37 postgraduate social work approved by the Board of Examiners for Social
38 Workers.

39 Sec. 7. NRS 695C.1773 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 695C.1773 If any evidence of coverage provides coverage for treatment of an
41 illness which is within the authorized scope of practice of a licensed marriage and
42 family therapist or licensed clinical professional counselor, the insured is entitled to
43 reimbursement for treatment by ~~the~~ :

44 1. A marriage and family therapist ~~the~~;

45 2. A clinical professional counselor ; or

46 3. A marriage and family therapist intern who is working under the direct
47 supervision of an approved supervisor as defined in NRS 641A.025 and,

48 who is licensed pursuant to chapter 641A of NRS.

49 Sec. 8. NRS 695C.1775 is hereby amended to read as follows:

50 695C.1775 1. If any evidence of coverage provides coverage for treatment
51 of an illness which is within the authorized scope of the practice of a licensed
52 associate in social work, social worker, independent social worker or clinical social
53 worker, the insured is entitled to reimbursement for treatment by an associate in

social work, social worker, independent social worker or clinical social worker who is licensed pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS ~~§~~ *or a social worker intern.*

2. For the purposes of this section, "social worker intern" means an applicant for licensure:

(a) As an independent social worker pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS who has not yet completed the requirements of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 641B.230; or

(b) As a clinical social worker pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS who has not yet completed the requirements of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 641B.240,

and who is working under the direct supervision of a qualified social worker in postgraduate social work approved by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers.

Sec. 9. NRS 217.440 is hereby amended to read as follows:

217.440 1. An Account for Aid for Victims of Domestic Violence is hereby created in the State General Fund. The Account must be administered by the Administrator of the Division.

2. The interest and income earned on the money in the Account for Aid for Victims of Domestic Violence, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Account.

3. Any nonprofit organization in the State which is able to meet the requirements specified in subsection 7 of NRS 217.420 may apply for a grant from the Account for Aid for Victims of Domestic Violence.

~~§~~ *4. An application for a grant must be received by the Division before April 1 preceding the fiscal year for which the grant is sought.*

Sec. 10. Chapter 641B of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. A social worker intern shall, before providing any social work services to a client:

(a) Inform the client that he is a social worker intern and is practicing under the supervision of a qualified social worker in postgraduate social work who has been approved by the Board; and

(b) Provide to the client the name of his approved supervisor.

2. A violation of the provisions of subsection 1 is grounds for initiating disciplinary action or for denying licensure.

3. For the purposes of this section, "social worker intern" means an applicant for licensure:

(a) As an independent social worker who has not yet completed the requirements of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 641B.230; or

(b) As a clinical social worker who has not yet completed the requirements of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 641B.240,

and who is working under the direct supervision of a qualified social worker in postgraduate social work approved by the Board.

~~§~~ **Sec. 11.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.