

SENATE BILL NO. 306—SENATORS CARLTON, COFFIN, PARKS,
HORSFORD; AMODEI, CARE, HARDY, MATHEWS,
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Referred to Committee on Health and Education

SUMMARY—Authorizes the Health Division of the Department of
Health and Human Services to establish a grant
program to support the expansion of various health
care services. (BDR 40-1052)

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 health; authorizing the Health Division of the
Department of Health and Human Services to establish
and administer a program to make grants of money to
support the expansion of federally qualified health centers
and rural health clinics in this State; authorizing the
Health Division to enter into any agreement and take any
other action necessary to maximize the amount of federal
money the State may obtain to carry out the program;
authorizing the Health Division to apply for and accept
any money from any source to carry out the program; and
providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 This bill authorizes the Health Division of the Department of Health and
- 2 Human Services to establish and administer a grant program to support the
- 3 expansion of federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics. (42 U.S.C.
- 4 §§ 1395x(aa)(4), 1395x(aa)(2)) This bill authorizes the Health Division to apply for
- 5 and accept gifts, grants, appropriations or donations from any public or private
- 6 source to carry out the program. This bill further authorizes the Health Division to



enter into any agreement and take any other action necessary to maximize the amount of money the State may obtain from the Federal Government to carry out the program. Any grants made pursuant to the program may be used to: (1) assist with the capital costs of constructing or expanding any facility and with operational costs to enhance or expand the ability of a federally qualified health center or rural health clinic to provide primary care services; (2) support access to primary care services for uninsured, underinsured and Medicaid patients; and (3) assist a federally qualified health center or rural health clinic with recruiting and retaining qualified personnel, including, without limitation, through a program for the repayment of student loans.

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

Section 1. Chapter 439 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Health Division may, to the extent that money is available, establish and administer a program to make grants of money to support the expansion of federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics in this State.

2. Grants made pursuant to the program may be used to:

(a) Assist with the capital costs of constructing or expanding any facility and with operational costs to enhance or expand the ability of a federally qualified health center or rural health clinic to provide primary care services, including, without limitation, dental services;

(b) Support access to primary care services for uninsured, underinsured and Medicaid patients; and

(c) Assist a federally qualified health center or rural health clinic with recruiting and retaining qualified personnel, including, without limitation, through a program for the repayment of student loans.

3. The Health Division may enter into any agreement or take any other action necessary to maximize the amount of money this State may obtain from the Federal Government to carry out the provisions of this section, including, without limitation, providing any matching money necessary to receive the federal money.

4. The Health Division may apply for and accept gifts, grants, appropriations or donations from any public or private source to assist the Health Division in carrying out the provisions of this section.

5. Money received by the Health Division to carry out the provisions of this section must be accounted for separately.

6. As used in this section:

(a) "Federally qualified health center" has the meaning ascribed to it in 42 U.S.C. § 1395x(aa)(4).



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- 1 ***(b) “Rural health clinic” has the meaning ascribed to it in 42***
- 2 ***U.S.C. § 1395x(aa)(2).***
- 3 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

