

Senate Bill No. 307—Senators Wiener, Horsford, Woodhouse, Cegavske, Parks; Amodei, Copening, Hardy, Lee, McGinness, Nolan, Schneider and Washington

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AN ACT relating to public welfare; requiring the Office of the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services to study issues relating to Medicaid in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to administer all public welfare programs in this State, including Medicaid, and to adopt a State Plan for Medicaid. (NRS 422.270, 422.271) This bill requires the Office of the Director of the Department, to the extent money is available from gifts, grants and donations, to hire a consultant to study the financing, including the financial sustainability, of Medicaid in this State and to conduct an analysis of the rates paid by Medicaid in this State.

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

Section 1. 1. To the extent money is available, the Office of the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services shall hire a consultant to:

(a) Study the financing of Medicaid in this State, including, without limitation:

(1) The financial sustainability of Medicaid in this State; and

(2) Any financial strategies available to ensure the financial sustainability of Medicaid in this State; and

(b) Analyze the rates paid by Medicaid in this State.

2. The Office of the Director may apply for and accept any gift, donation, bequest, grant or other source of money from any public or private source to carry out the provisions of this section. Any money that is accepted by the Office of the Director:

(a) Must be deposited in the State Treasury and accounted for separately in the State General Fund, to be administered by the Director.

(b) Does not lapse to the State General Fund at the end of a fiscal year.

3. The Office of the Director shall submit to the Legislative Committee on Health Care quarterly reports concerning the amount of money available pursuant to subsection 2 and the progress of the consultant hired pursuant to subsection 1, if any. On or before July 1, 2010, the Office of the Director shall submit to the



Legislative Committee on Health Care any recommendations for legislation relating to the financing of Medicaid in this State and the rates paid by Medicaid in this State.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval for the purposes of accepting money pursuant to subsection 2 of section 1 of this act and on July 1, 2009, for all other purposes.

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