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AN ACT relating to public welfare; requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to establish and maintain a system for the electronic submission of applications for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program; requiring certain agencies to use the system to forward such applications to the Department; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law provides for the administration of welfare programs pursuant to federal law, including Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. (Chapters 422 and 422A of NRS) This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish and maintain a system which allows applicants for these programs to submit applications electronically. This bill further requires agencies that are designated by the Director of the Department to receive applications or determine eligibility for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program to use the system to forward applications to the Department.

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 and maintain a system which allows 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 designated by the Department.

2. An agency designated by the Director to receive applications or determine eligibility for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program shall use the system established pursuant to subsection 1 to forward to the Department all applications received by the agency.

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, the agency shall create an electronic application on behalf of the applicant and use the system established pursuant to subsection 1 to forward the application to the Department.

Secs. 2 and 3. (Deleted by amendment.)



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

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