

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39—
SENATOR HORSFORD

JUNE 1, 2009

JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Requires the Legislative Committee on Health Care to consider issues relating to the costs and payments for the provision of certain medical services and care. (BDR R-1333)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Requiring the Legislative Committee on Health Care to consider issues and make recommendations relating to payments for the provision of certain medical services and care.

1 WHEREAS, The rising cost of health care is a growing problem
2 in this State, and many factors contribute to this problem; and

3 WHEREAS, The number of hospitals and physicians who have
4 contracted for the provision of health care impacts the quality and
5 cost of health care in this State; and

6 WHEREAS, Ensuring a sufficient number of such contracts is
7 essential to improving the quality and cost of health care in this
8 State; and

9 WHEREAS, Educating patients and consumers of health care in
10 this State regarding the financial impact of receiving medical
11 services and care from out-of-network hospitals and out-of-network
12 physicians is a vital part of ensuring that patients and consumers
13 minimize their health care expenses; and

14 WHEREAS, Billed charges by providers of health care have
15 escalated at a rate far exceeding the rate of inflation; now, therefore,
16 be it

17 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
18 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 75th Nevada



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1 Legislature hereby recognize the importance of restraining the cost
2 of health care and recognize that patients, hospitals, physicians and
3 health insurers each play an integral role in restraining those costs;
4 and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Committee on Health Care,
6 during the 2009-2010 interim, shall consider and review methods
7 for establishing a fair and equitable system for the payment of
8 medical services and care for persons who are covered by a policy
9 of insurance or other contractual agreement with a third party that
10 provides coverage for the provision of health care but whose
11 insurance or other contractual agreement does not cover expenses by
12 the specific hospital or physician which provided the service or care,
13 including, to the extent practicable, consideration of:

14 1. The relationship between the actual cost to surgical centers
15 for ambulatory patients, hospitals and physicians to provide medical
16 services and care and the charges billed by those providers of health
17 care;

18 2. The process used by providers of health care in this State
19 and health insurers and other third parties that provide coverage for
20 the provision of health care to negotiate contracts;

21 3. The process for granting hospital privileges to physicians in
22 this State and related issues concerning contracts with health
23 insurers and other third parties that provide coverage for the
24 provision of health care;

25 4. Balance billing and collection practices implemented by
26 providers of health care in this State and the effects of the escalation
27 of billed charges on the cost of health care; and

28 5. Any other issues deemed necessary by the Chairman of the
29 Legislative Committee on Health Care; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Committee on Health Care, in
31 considering the system pursuant to this resolution, shall make
32 recommendations for the implementation of such a system to the
33 76th Session of the Nevada Legislature; and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That the Chairman of the Legislative Committee on
35 Health Care is encouraged to appoint a subcommittee consisting of
36 three members of the Committee to consider the issues relating to
37 the system for the payment of medical services and care pursuant to
38 this resolution; and be it further

39 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
40 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Legislative Commission.

