

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 39–
Senator Horsford

Joint Sponsor: Assemblywoman Leslie

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 75th Nevada Legislature hereby recognize the importance of restraining the cost of health care and recognize that patients, hospitals, physicians and health insurers each play an integral role in restraining those costs; and be it further

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

1. The relationship between the actual cost to surgical centers for ambulatory patients, hospitals and physicians to provide medical



services and care and the charges billed by those providers of health care;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

