

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 148—COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR
CITIZENS, VETERANS AND ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS)

FEBRUARY 20, 2013

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Requires facilities for skilled nursing to conduct
assessments of certain patients. (BDR 40-117)

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 facilities for skilled nursing; requiring a facility
for skilled nursing to conduct, upon admission to the
facility and at least annually thereafter, a comprehensive
assessment of each patient who is receiving services
pursuant to Medicaid; and providing other matters
properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 This bill requires a facility for skilled nursing to conduct a comprehensive
- 2 assessment of each patient who receives services pursuant to Medicaid upon
- 3 admission to the facility and at least annually thereafter to determine whether the
- 4 level of care required to meet the individual needs of the patient may be adequately
- 5 provided to the patient through a different model of care.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** Chapter 449 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
- 2 thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 3 *1. A facility for skilled nursing shall, upon admission to the*
- 4 *facility for skilled nursing of a patient who receives services*
- 5 *pursuant to Medicaid and at least annually thereafter, conduct a*
- 6 *comprehensive assessment of the patient to determine whether the*



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1 *level of care required to meet the individual needs of the patient*
2 *may be adequately provided to the patient through a different*
3 *model of care, including, without limitation, a residential facility*
4 *for groups or home- or community-based services.*

5 *2. If a facility for skilled nursing determines pursuant to*
6 *subsection 1 that the level of care required to meet the individual*
7 *needs of a patient may be adequately provided through a different*
8 *model of care, the facility for skilled nursing shall:*

9 *(a) Discuss with the patient the models of care available; and*

10 *(b) Assist the patient in obtaining services through any*
11 *identified model of care.*

12 *3. The Board may adopt regulations to carry out the*
13 *provisions of this section.*

14 *4. As used in this section, "Medicaid" has the meaning*
15 *ascribed to it in NRS 439B.120.*

16 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

