

Amendment No. 517

Senate Amendment to Senate Bill No. 448 (BDR 40-95)

Proposed by: Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

Amendment Box: Replaces Amendment No. 364.

Amends: Summary: Yes Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

ASSEMBLY ACTION			Initial and Date	SENATE ACTION			Initial and Date	
Adopted	☐	Lost	☐ _____		Adopted	☐	Lost	☐ _____
Concurred In	☐	Not	☐ _____		Concurred In	☐	Not	☐ _____
Receded	☐	Not	☐ _____		Receded	☐	Not	☐ _____

EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) *green bold italic underlining* is new language proposed in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill that is proposed to be retained in this amendment; and (6) *green bold underlining* is newly added transitory language.

RBL



Date: 4/18/2013

S.B. No. 448—Enacts provisions to promote federally qualified health centers.
(BDR 40-95)



SENATE BILL NO. 448—COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MARCH 25, 2013

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—~~[Enacts provisions]~~ Instructs the Legislative Committee on Health Care to consider methods to promote federally qualified health centers ~~and rural health clinics.~~ (BDR ~~(40-95)~~ S-95)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

~

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

AN ACT relating to health care; ~~[enacting provisions to promote federally qualified health centers; authorizing a county or district hospital to take actions necessary to establish one or more new or existing facilities as federally qualified health centers;]~~ instructing the Legislative Committee on Health Care to consider methods to promote federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics as part of its interim review of health care; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

~~[Existing law allows the establishment of county or district hospitals to provide public health care services. (Chapter 450 of NRS) This bill authorizes a county or district hospital to take any actions that are necessary to establish one or more new or existing facilities as federally qualified health centers to enhance the provision of primary care services in any medically underserved urban or rural communities in the county.]~~

Under federal law, a nonprofit entity may qualify as a federally qualified health center if it: (1) is receiving a federal grant under section 330 of the federal Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. § 254b) because it serves certain populations that are medically underserved; (2) is receiving funding from such a federal grant under a contract with the recipient of the grant and the entity otherwise meets the requirements for receiving such a federal grant; or (3) is not receiving such a federal grant but the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services determines that the entity otherwise meets the requirements for receiving such a federal grant based on the recommendation of the Health Resources and Services Administration of the Department. (42 U.S.C. § 1396d(1)(2)(B))

Additionally under federal law, a rural health clinic is a public or private clinic that is certified by the Secretary of the Department to receive special Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement for the purpose of improving access to primary care services in underserved rural areas. (42 U.S.C. § 1395x(aa)(2))

Section 2 of this bill instructs the Legislative Committee on Health Care to consider methods to promote federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics as part of

its review of health care during the 2013-2015 legislative interim and to submit a report to the next session of the Legislature with any recommendations for legislation.

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

Section 1. ~~[Chapter 450 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:~~

~~1. A county or district hospital may take any actions that are necessary to establish one or more new or existing facilities as federally qualified health centers to enhance the provision of primary care services in any medically underserved urban or rural communities in the county or district, respectively.~~

~~2. As used in this section, "federally qualified health center" has the meaning ascribed to it in 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(l)(2)(B). (Deleted by amendment.)~~

Sec. 2. 1. As part of its review of health care during the 2013-2015 legislative interim, the Legislative Committee on Health Care shall consider methods to promote federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics in this State which must include, without limitation, consideration of:

(a) The strategies used by other states that have had success with federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics and whether those strategies could be used to increase the number of federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics in this State.

(b) The locations in this State which have been designated as medically underserved urban or rural communities and which would benefit from federally qualified health centers or rural health clinics.

(c) The likely impacts of establishing one or more new or existing facilities as federally qualified health centers or rural health clinics, including, without limitation, the economic impacts and the impacts on access to primary care services for recipients of Medicare and Medicaid, the underinsured and the uninsured.

(d) The types of federal benefits and federal funding options that are available to support the establishment of federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics.

(e) The feasibility of a county or district hospital establishing one or more new or existing facilities as federally qualified health centers or rural health clinics to enhance the provision of primary care services in any medically underserved urban or rural communities in the county or district, respectively.

2. On or before February 2, 2015, the Legislative Committee on Health Care shall submit to the Legislature a written report concerning its consideration of the methods to promote federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics in this State, which must include, without limitation, any recommendations for legislation.

3. As used in this section:

(a) "Federally qualified health center" has the meaning ascribed to it in 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(l)(2)(B).

(b) "Rural health clinic" has the meaning ascribed to it in 42 U.S.C. § 1395x(aa)(2).

~~[Sec. 2.]~~ **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.