

SENATE BILL NO. 276—SENATORS CEGAVSKE; AND HARDY

MARCH 15, 2013

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Directs the Legislative Committee on Health Care to conduct an interim study of the delivery of supported living services to recipients of Medicaid. (BDR S-891)

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 health care; directing the Legislative Committee on Health Care to conduct an interim study of the delivery of supported living services to recipients of Medicaid; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

The federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act provides incentives for states to offer home and community-based services as an alternative to nursing homes for Medicaid recipients in need of long-term care. (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, § 10202, 124 Stat. 119, 923-27) Existing law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish and administer a program to provide community-based services, including supported living services, to Medicaid recipients with physical disabilities. (NRS 422.395, 422.396, 422.397)

This bill directs the Legislative Committee on Health Care to conduct an interim study of the delivery of supported living services to recipients of Medicaid. This bill also requires the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department to provide all information necessary to conduct the study and to assist in the study.



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

Section 1. 1. The Legislative Committee on Health Care shall conduct an interim study of the delivery of supported living services to recipients of Medicaid.

2. The Legislative Committee on Health Care shall appoint:

(a) A subcommittee for the study, consisting of members of the Legislative Committee on Health Care or Legislators other than members of the Legislative Committee on Health Care, or both; and

(b) A chair of the subcommittee from among the members of the subcommittee.

3. The study must include, without limitation:

(a) An evaluation of:

(1) The needs of recipients of Medicaid for supported living services;

(2) The availability of supported living services to recipients of Medicaid;

(3) The rate of reimbursement provided by Medicaid to providers of supported living services in this State;

(4) The rates of reimbursement provided by Medicaid to providers of supported living services in other states; and

(5) The adequacy of the rate of reimbursement provided by Medicaid to providers of supported living services in this State.

(b) A proposed plan for the delivery of supported living services to recipients of Medicaid in this State.

(c) Recommendations regarding the rates of reimbursement that are necessary to ensure an adequate number of providers of supported living services to address the needs of Medicaid recipients within this State.

(d) Recommendations to improve the delivery of supported living services to recipients of Medicaid in this State.

4. The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services shall:

(a) Provide to the subcommittee established pursuant to subsection 2 all data and information necessary to conduct the study;

(b) Assist the subcommittee in evaluating the information and developing a plan for the delivery of supported living services to recipients of Medicaid in this State;

(c) Assist the subcommittee in making recommendations regarding the rates of reimbursement that are necessary to ensure an adequate number of providers of supported living services to address the needs of Medicaid recipients within this State; and



1 (d) Assist the subcommittee in developing recommendations for
2 legislation to improve the delivery of supported living services to
3 recipients of Medicaid in this State.

4 5. The Legislative Committee on Health Care shall submit a
5 report of the results of the study and any recommendations for
6 legislation to the 78th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

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

