ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 214–ASSEMBLYWOMAN NEAL

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Establishes a program to increase participation by certain demographic groups in clinical trials. (BDR 40-707)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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AN ACT relating to clinical trials; requiring the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a program to encourage participation in clinical trials of drugs and medical devices by certain groups; requiring certain state and local governmental entities to adopt a policy concerning the identification and recruitment of members of those groups to participate in such trials; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services to establish various programs relating to the provision of health care and the improvement of public health in this State. (NRS 439.495, 439.501, 439.517, 439.5295) This bill requires the Division to establish a program to encourage participation in clinical trials of drugs and medical devices by persons who are members of demographic groups that are underrepresented in such trials. This bill also requires each state or local governmental entity that conducts such trials to adopt a policy concerning the identification and recruitment of such persons to participate in those trials.

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

Section 1. Chapter 439 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. It is the policy of this State to:

(a) Improve the completeness and quality of data concerning diverse demographic groups that is collected, reported and analyzed for the purposes of clinical trials of drugs and medical devices;

(b) Identify barriers to participation in clinical trials by persons who are members of demographic groups that are underrepresented in such trials and employ strategies to encourage greater participation in clinical trials by such persons; and

(c) Make data concerning demographic groups that is collected, reported and analyzed for the purposes of clinical trials more available and transparent.

2. To assist in carrying out this policy:

(a) The Division shall establish a program to encourage participation in clinical trials of drugs and medical devices by persons who are members of demographic groups that are underrepresented in such clinical trials. The program must include, without limitation:

(1) Collaborating with medical facilities, health authorities and other local governmental entities, nonprofit organizations and scientific investigators and institutions that are performing research relating to drugs or medical devices to assist such investigators and institutions in identifying and recruiting persons who are members of underrepresented demographic groups to participate in clinical trials;

(2) Conducting conferences and training for scientific investigators who perform research relating to drugs or medical devices regarding evidence-based methods for identifying and recruiting persons who are members of underrepresented demographic groups to participate in clinical trials; and

(3) Placing on the Internet website maintained by the Division information concerning evidence-based methods for identifying and recruiting persons who are members of underrepresented demographic groups to participate in clinical trials.

(b) Each State or local governmental entity that conducts clinical trials of drugs or medical devices, including, without limitation, the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, shall adopt a policy concerning the identification and recruitment of persons who are members of underrepresented demographic groups to participate in those clinical trials. Such a policy must include, without limitation, requirements that investigators who are conducting clinical trials use evidence-based methods to identify and recruit such persons to participate in those clinical trials.

3. For the purposes of this section, demographic groups that are underrepresented in clinical trials may include, without limitation, persons who are underrepresented by race, sex, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status and age.

4. As used in this section, "medical facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.0151.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

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