

Senate Bill No. 198--Senators Scheible; Parks and Ratti

Joint Sponsors: Assemblymen Monroe-Moreno and Fumo

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to Medicaid; requiring the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services to analyze and report certain information concerning the eligibility of children for Medicaid; making an appropriation; authorizing certain expenditures; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to administer the Medicaid program. (NRS 422.270) **Section 3** of this bill requires the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department to conduct an analysis to determine the number of children during a certain period who have lost coverage under Medicaid within 12 months after the date on which the child was determined to be eligible for coverage. The analysis must also determine the number of such children who lost coverage for certain reasons. A report of the information must be submitted by the Department to the Legislature. **Section 3** also requires the Department to provide to the Legislature a fiscal analysis of the cost of allowing certain such children to remain covered under Medicaid until 12 months after the date on which the child was determined eligible for coverage. **Section 4** of this bill appropriates money to the Division to allow the Division to modify the computerized system used by the Division to maintain data concerning recipients of Medicaid as necessary to compile the data required by **section 3**. **Section 5** of this bill authorizes certain additional expenditures for this same purpose.

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

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

Sections 1 and 2. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 3. 1. The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services shall conduct an analysis to determine the total number of children in this State who lose or have lost coverage under Medicaid within 12 months after the date on which they were determined eligible for coverage during the period beginning not later than July 1, 2020, and ending September 1, 2020, and, to the extent the information is available, before July 1, 2020. The analysis must further determine the number of such children who lose or have lost coverage during that period because:

(a) The child no longer resides in this State;



(b) The coverage of the child under Medicaid was voluntarily terminated by request;

(c) The child died;

(d) The child resides in a household with a household income that exceeds the maximum household income to be eligible for Medicaid;

(e) The child no longer resides in a household for which Medicaid eligibility has been granted; or

(f) The parent or guardian of the child failed to comply with the requirements to remain eligible for Medicaid.

2. On or before October 1, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislative Committee on Health Care a report which must include, without limitation:

(a) The total number of children described in subsection 1 and the number of those children in each category described in paragraphs (a) to (f), inclusive, of subsection 1; and

(b) A fiscal analysis of the cost of amending the State Plan for Medicaid to allow a child who has been covered under Medicaid for less than 12 months to continue to be covered until 12 months after the date on which the child was determined to be eligible for Medicaid despite becoming ineligible based on the household income of the child.

Sec. 4. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services the sum of \$42,600 for the purpose of making any modifications to the computerized system used by the Division to maintain data concerning recipients of Medicaid that are necessary to carry out the provisions of section 3 of this act.

2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2021, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 17, 2021, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 17, 2021.

Sec. 5. Expenditure of \$383,400 not appropriated from the State General Fund or the State Highway Fund is hereby authorized during Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and Fiscal Year 2020-2021 by the



Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 3 of this act.

Sec. 6. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

