MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Eighty-Second Session April 14, 2023

The Committee on Health and Human Services was called to order by Chair Sarah Peters at 9:55 a.m. on Friday, April 14, 2023, in Room 3138 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4406 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda [Exhibit A], the Attendance Roster [Exhibit B], and other substantive exhibits, are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Sarah Peters, Chair
Assemblyman David Orentlicher, Vice Chair
Assemblywoman Cecelia González
Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow
Assemblyman Ken Gray
Assemblyman Gregory T. Hafen II
Assemblyman Brian Hibbetts
Assemblyman Gregory Koenig
Assemblywoman Sabra Newby
Assemblywoman Duy Nguyen
Assemblywoman Angie Taylor
Assemblywoman Clara Thomas

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None



STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst Eric Robbins, Committee Counsel David Nauss, Committee Counsel Terry Horgan, Committee Secretary Ashley Torres, Committee Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

Chair Peters:

[Roll was taken. Committee rules and protocol were reviewed.] Welcome to the Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services. On today's agenda, we have two items, work session and public comment.

We will start with work session and begin with Assembly Bill 283.

Assembly Bill 283: Makes changes relating to doula services. (BDR S-844)

Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst:

[Patrick Ashton read from the work session document, <u>Exhibit C.</u>] <u>Assembly Bill 283</u> makes changes relating to doula services and is sponsored by Assemblywoman Summers-Armstrong. It was heard on March 22, and I will go straight to the amendment. The amendment removes all the billing codes for Medicaid in section 1 and instead provides new language to increase the rate of reimbursement which is provided on a fee-for-service basis pursuant to the State Plan for Medicaid services provided by a doula that is intended to cover the cost of the service. The Department of Health and Human Services may establish an incentive payment for doulas who provide services in rural areas of the state.

Chair Peters:

Thank you. I want to thank the bill sponsor for continuing to work on this. This is an important issue around maternal health and infant mortality, and I am grateful for your resilience on continuing to move this one forward. Are there any questions on the amendment? [There were none.] Seeing none, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 283.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GONZÁLEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion?

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Assemblyman Gray:

Thank you, Madam Chair. This amendment hit my concerns and addressed them, so I will be able to switch to voting yes on this one.

Chair Peters:

Thank you. Is there any other discussion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Thank you all for being here for this. The floor statement will go to Assemblywoman Summers-Armstrong.

We will close out the work session agenda item and move into public comment. Is there anyone in Carson City who would like to provide two-minute public comment today? [There was no one.] Seeing none, is there anyone in Las Vegas who would like to provide public comment today? [There was no one.] Seeing none, could you check the public line for public comment today? [There was no one.]

We will close out public comment. We are going to recess, and if we do not see any other business coming up, we will adjourn on the floor. Thank you so much. We are in recess [at 9:58 a.m.].

[Chair Peters adjourned the meeting on the floor of the Assembly at 12:24 p.m.]

	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
	Terry Horgan Committee Secretary
APPROVED BY:	
Assemblywoman Sarah Peters, Chair	
DATE:	

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EXHIBITS

Exhibit A is the Agenda.

Exhibit B is the Attendance Roster.

Exhibit C is the Work Session Document for <u>Assembly Bill 283</u> presented by Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.