

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 234—ASSEMBLYMEMBER ANDERSON

FEBRUARY 17, 2025

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Requires Medicaid coverage for screening for certain forms of cancer. (BDR 38-893)

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

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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 Medicaid; requiring Medicaid to provide coverage for screening for certain forms of cancer; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop  
 2 and administer a State Plan for Medicaid which includes a list of specific medical  
 3 services required to be provided to recipients of Medicaid, including screening for  
 4 breast and cervical cancer. (NRS 422.063, 422.270, 422.27174, 422.27176; 42  
 5 U.S.C. § 1396a) **Section 1** of this bill requires the Director of the Department of  
 6 Health and Human Services to include under Medicaid coverage for screening for  
 7 lung, prostate and colorectal cancer. **Section 2** of this bill makes a conforming  
 8 change to require the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services to  
 9 administer the provisions of **section 1** in the same manner as other provisions  
 10 relating to Medicaid.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 422 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
 2 thereto a new section to read as follows:  
 3 ***1. The Director shall include under Medicaid coverage for:***  
 4 ***(a) Screening for lung cancer and prostate cancer; and***  
 5 ***(b) All available evidence-based methods of screening for***  
 6 ***colorectal cancer.***  
 7 ***2. The Department shall:***  
 8 ***(a) Apply to the Secretary of Health and Human Services for***  
 9 ***any waiver of federal law or apply for any amendment of the State***



1 *Plan for Medicaid that is necessary for the Department to receive*  
2 *federal funding to provide the coverage described in subsection 1.*

3 *(b) Fully cooperate in good faith with the Federal Government*  
4 *during the application process to satisfy the requirements of the*  
5 *Federal Government for obtaining a waiver or amendment*  
6 *pursuant to paragraph (a).*

7 **Sec. 2.** NRS 232.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
8 232.320 1. The Director:

9 (a) Shall appoint, with the consent of the Governor,  
10 administrators of the divisions of the Department, who are  
11 respectively designated as follows:

12 (1) The Administrator of the Aging and Disability Services  
13 Division;

14 (2) The Administrator of the Division of Welfare and  
15 Supportive Services;

16 (3) The Administrator of the Division of Child and Family  
17 Services;

18 (4) The Administrator of the Division of Health Care  
19 Financing and Policy; and

20 (5) The Administrator of the Division of Public and  
21 Behavioral Health.

22 (b) Shall administer, through the divisions of the Department,  
23 the provisions of chapters 63, 424, 425, 427A, 432A to 442,  
24 inclusive, 446 to 450, inclusive, 458A and 656A of NRS, NRS  
25 127.220 to 127.310, inclusive, 422.001 to 422.410, inclusive, *and*  
26 *section 1 of this act*, 422.580, 432.010 to 432.133, inclusive,  
27 432B.6201 to 432B.626, inclusive, 444.002 to 444.430, inclusive,  
28 and 445A.010 to 445A.055, inclusive, and all other provisions of  
29 law relating to the functions of the divisions of the Department, but  
30 is not responsible for the clinical activities of the Division of Public  
31 and Behavioral Health or the professional line activities of the other  
32 divisions.

33 (c) Shall administer any state program for persons with  
34 developmental disabilities established pursuant to the  
35 Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of  
36 2000, 42 U.S.C. §§ 15001 et seq.

37 (d) Shall, after considering advice from agencies of local  
38 governments and nonprofit organizations which provide social  
39 services, adopt a master plan for the provision of human services in  
40 this State. The Director shall revise the plan biennially and deliver a  
41 copy of the plan to the Governor and the Legislature at the  
42 beginning of each regular session. The plan must:

43 (1) Identify and assess the plans and programs of the  
44 Department for the provision of human services, and any  
45 duplication of those services by federal, state and local agencies;



1 (2) Set forth priorities for the provision of those services;  
2 (3) Provide for communication and the coordination of those  
3 services among nonprofit organizations, agencies of local  
4 government, the State and the Federal Government;

5 (4) Identify the sources of funding for services provided by  
6 the Department and the allocation of that funding;

7 (5) Set forth sufficient information to assist the Department  
8 in providing those services and in the planning and budgeting for the  
9 future provision of those services; and

10 (6) Contain any other information necessary for the  
11 Department to communicate effectively with the Federal  
12 Government concerning demographic trends, formulas for the  
13 distribution of federal money and any need for the modification of  
14 programs administered by the Department.

15 (e) May, by regulation, require nonprofit organizations and state  
16 and local governmental agencies to provide information regarding  
17 the programs of those organizations and agencies, excluding  
18 detailed information relating to their budgets and payrolls, which the  
19 Director deems necessary for the performance of the duties imposed  
20 upon him or her pursuant to this section.

21 (f) Has such other powers and duties as are provided by law.

22 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Director, or  
23 the Director's designee, is responsible for appointing and removing  
24 subordinate officers and employees of the Department.

25 **Sec. 3.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and  
26 approval.

27 2. Sections 1 and 2 of this act become effective:

28 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any  
29 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative  
30 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

31 (b) On January 1, 2026, for all other purposes.



