HEALTH, WELFARE AND STATE INSTITUTIONS

Minutes of Meeting - February 11, 1975

The fifth meeting of the Health, Welfare and State Institutions Committee was held on February 11, 1975 at 3:30 p.m., Room 323.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Cha

Chairman Lee E. Walker Senator Neal Senator Gojack Senator Hilbrecht Senator Schofield

Senator Young

See Exhibit A for list of others present.

S.B. 68 -- Authorizes certain public health agencies and officers to disseminate to blood banks identifying data concerning any person with history of viral hepatitis.

Sharon Greene, Executive Director of Nevada Hospital Association, spoke in favor of the bill, in that it would require the Health Department to notify all blood banks of persons who have been reported as having hepatitis. This information is already being reported, but it is not being passed on to the blood banks. The bill would encourage more physicians to report hepatitis.

Dr. Edwards commented that the State Health Division has no opinion or position on this bill. They do receive about 20 reports of hepatitis per month from physicians, but there are more case than are reported.

Senator Hilbrecht moved "Do Pass"; seconded by Senator Gojack; unanimously carried. (See Exhibit B for copy of bill).

S.B. 69 -- Requires insurers to accept and health and care facilities to utilize Uniform Billing and Claims Forms.

Sharon Greene spoke in favor of the bill and provided the committee members with copies of proposed billing form (see Exhibit C). There are two sets of forms; one to be used for manual entries and the other form to be used by computer, therefore enabling this form to be adapted to any form of billing. This was field tested for 6 years in So. Carolina, Georgia and Wyoming -- all insurance representatives and Health Insurance Association of America were involved with this form,

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and they have all approved it.

Dr. Bill Thomason, Administrator of Bureau of Health Facilities, advised the committee that they are responsible for licensing of the care facilities. They have no objection to using this uniform billing form, although section 3 of the bill might conflict with the objectives of licensure of health and care facilities, since this is not a health type of measure. Dr. Thomason feels that consideration should be given to the possibility of the insurance commissioner becoming involved. (See Exhibit D).

Paul Ryan, Welfare Division, commented that they concur with the idea of a uniform billing form. They have drafted a bill request and suggested that the insurance commissioner be involved in writing these forms. (see Exhibit E for bill draft request). This bill states that the insurance commissioner, in working with other groups, will devise a standard form. Senator Young felt there might be difficulties in the doctors agreeing on a standard form.

Following further discussion on this bill, Senator Gojack moved "Do Pass"; seconded by Senator Hilbrecht; unanimously carried. (See Exhibit F for copy of bill).

S.B. 91 -- Extends health and care facility classification to additional institutions.

Dr. Thomason spoke in favor of the bill. Section 3 is a preventive measure so that if this type of facility (Abortion clinic) is developed in Nevada, it will have to meet certain requirements. With respect to Section 4 (ambulatory surgical center), Dr. Thomason stated that this type of concept in the provisions of health care will become more and more popular in Nevada; therefore, some regulations should be written to define the licensing procedures.

Paul Cohen, Rehab. Division, spoke to Section 3 of the bill, stating that this section should be amended to state "excluding elementary and secondary schools". It was agreed that the amended language be left to the bill drafter, and the committee will be presented with the amended language before entertaining a motion on S.B. 91.

Senator Neal moved that the committee introduce bills requested by the State Board of Pharmacy; seconded by Senator Young; unanimously carried.

Senate

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Being no further business at this time, Senator Walker adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon W. Maher, Secretary

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Lée E. Walker, Chairman

EXHIBIT A

SENATE BILL NO. 68—SENATORS RAGGIO AND WALKER

JANUARY 29, 1975

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and State Institutions

SUMMARY—Authorizes certain public health agencies and officers to disseminate to blood banks identifying data concerning any person with history of viral hepatitis. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 40-573)



EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to blood and blood products; authorizing certain health agencies and officers to disseminate to blood banks identifying data concerning any person with a history of viral hepatitis; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 460 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section which shall read as follows:

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1. The state board of health, state health officer and any health authority, as defined in NRS 439.005, may disseminate to any blood bank in the State of Nevada identifying data concerning any person with a history of viral hepatitis.

2. The state board of health shall, pursuant to NRS 439.210, adopt regulations specifying the identifying data to be disseminated to blood banks pursuant to subsection 1.

3. Any identifying data received by a blood bank pursuant to this section is confidential and may be used only for screening prospective blood donors.

4. Any person who has access to identifying data disseminated to a blood bank pursuant to this section and who divulges or uses such information in any manner except to screen prospective blood donors is guilty of a misdemeanor.



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S. B. 69

UNIFORM BILLING AND CLAIMS FORMS

A uniform billing project began in 1968 when an advisory panel was established to work with staff of the American Hospital Association's Bureau of Fiscal Services and determine if a nationwide uniform billing set could replace the multitude of claim forms used by hospitals to obtain reimbursement from third party purchasers of care. For several years, the work pressures of multiple writing of data on many different third party claim forms and on patient bills had caused hospitals frustration and additional expense. Some scattered local efforts had been undertaken to promote standardization and simplification. These efforts, however, produced only local approvals and resulted in only limited utilization.

The panel, composed of representatives of hospitals and third party purchasers, established certain objectives it felt had to be achieved before a nationwide uniform billing set could be successful. These objectives were:

- 1. The form must be useable by all hospitals;
- 2. It must furnish the basic information required by all third party purchasers;
- It must be acceptable as a claim form to all third party purchasers, thereby replacing the many different forms then in use;
- 4. It must result in savings, both in time and materials, and in cash flow improvements.

The panel conducted basic research to determine the scope of the billing problem and the related cost factors. It was obvious that the costs associated with repetitive writing were enormous.

Thus the first uniform billing form was established. During the next five or six years, while the form was being field tested, several changes and improvements were made, such as the addition of the medical abstract, which not only showed the diagnosis and

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Exhibit C

procedure information, but also all information required by the latest Medicare regulations.

Inother change made was an information summary which would be more understandable to the patient.

On August 21, 1974, a meeting was held at the American Hospital Association in Chicago to review the results of the field tests. Representatives of hospitals, third parties from the two states where the field tests took place, the Social Security Administration, the Blue Cross Association, the Health Insurance Association of America and the Hospital Financial Management Association were present.

It was reported at this meeting that the form was useable in all hospitals in the field, and that the form had won widespread acceptance by hospital business office staffs. It was reported that some clerical staff had even stated that they would quit their jobs rather than return to the previous procedure.

It was agreed at the meeting that the field tests demonstrated that the uniform billing set furnishes all the information required by third party purchasers of care and that the form is acceptable to them. While savings are difficult to document from field tests, those hospitals able to quantify the results reported significant savings and improvement in cash flow from third parties.

The representatives at the meeting felt strongly that no further field tests were necessary since the two completed tests showed that the objectives of the project had been achieved. They recommended that the American Hospital Association move expeditiously to present a revised uniform billing set, with the medical abstract, to the major third party purchasers of care for acceptance as a nationwide uniform bill. Subsequent meetings were held to accomplish the changes indicated by the testing, and from these meetings came the UB-16.

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STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

DIVISION OF HEALTH CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89701

February 4, 1975

MEMORANDUM

T0:

Senator Lee E. Walker, Chairman, Committee on Health,

Welfare and State Institutions, through John H. Carr, M.D.,

State Health Officer

FROM:

William L. Thomason, D.D.S., Administrator

Bureau of Health Facilities

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 69 (BDR 57-36)

The Bureau of Health Facilities of the Nevada Division of Health is the State agency responsible for licensure of health and care facilities under NRS 449. The Bureau feels that the use of a Uniform Billing and Claims Form would be an advantage to the operators of health and care facilities. However, the Bureau questions if the use of this form should become a requirement for licensure as stated in Section 3 of Senate Bill 69. The broad major objective of the Bureau of Health Facilities in licensing health and care facilities is to assure the health, welfare and safety of Nevada citizens residing in these facilities. We feel that this licensure requirement will not be contributory toward that goal, but will merely be beneficial to the operators of the health and care facilities. The Bureau feels that the use of the Uniform Billing and Claims Form should be stressed by the health and care facility organizations to their members and the members should elect to either use or not to use this form as their individual situations warrant.

In view of the above the Bureau feels that it is inappropriate for this legislation to be tied to our licensing statute.

WLT/bws

cc: Committee Members

EXECUTIVE AGENCY BILL DRAFT REQUEST

REQUEST LIMITED TO

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FROM: WELFARE DIVISION

VIA: Department of Administration

TO: Legislative Counsel

I. Intent of Proposed Bill: (Brief summary of intended effect)

To simplify and expedite claim billing by all insurers including health care service contractors.

II. <u>Justification of Purpose</u>: (Brief narrative of requirement.

Use continuation sheets if necessary)

A uniform health insurance claim form has been recommended by the Nevada State Medical Association and the Medicaid Medical Advisory Board. A uniform claim form would be more efficient to use. It would save time in understanding and preparing claim forms. It would reduce the number of forms needed to be retained by physicians and it would increase accuracy in preparing claims by virtue of more easily acquired understanding of the form.

III. NRS Title, Chapter and Section affected: (If applicable)

NRS Chapter 689A Health Insurance Contracts

NRS Chapter 689B Group and Blanket Health Insurance

NRS Chapter 695B Non-profit Hospital, Medical and Dental Service

Corporations

Each of the above chapters should have a section added specifying the requirement for a uniform health insurance claim form.

IV.

Amendment or Repeal of Existing Law: (if amending, quote applicable NRS section using brackets to enclose words proposed to be deleted and underscoring proposed new language. If Repealer, merely state "Repeal NRS _____"
Use continuation sheets if necessary.)



OPTIONAL	<u>.</u>	The commissioner shall prescribe uniform health insurance claim forms which shall be used by all insurers transacting health insurance in this state and by all state agencies that require health insurance claim forms for their records. Exclusions may be agreed upon between the Insurance Commissioner and other concerned parties. (Sample forms attached.)	
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January 29, 1975

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and State Institutions

SUMMARY—Requires insurers to accept and health and care facilities to utilize Uniform Billing and Claims Forms. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 57-536)



EXPLANATION—Matter in italics is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to health insurance; requiring insurers to accept and health and care facilities to utilize Uniform Billing and Claims Forms; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 689A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section which shall read as follows:

Any insurer under a health insurance contract shall accept from a health and care facility the Uniform Billing and Claims Forms established by the American Hospital Association in lieu of their individual billing and claims forms.

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SEC. 2. Chapter 689B of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section which shall read as follows:

Any insurer under a group health insurance contract or a blanket health insurance contract shall accept from a health and care facility the Uniform Billing and Claims Forms established by the American Hospital Association in lieu of their individual billing and claims forms.

SEC. 3. Chapter 449 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section which shall read as follows:

Every health and care facility licensed pursuant to the provisions of NRS 449.001 to 449.240, inclusive, shall utilize the Uniform Billing and Claims Forms established by the American Hospital Association.

SEC. 4. NRS 449.001 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 449.001 As used in NRS 449.001 to 449.245, inclusive, and section 20 3 of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms 21 defined in NRS 449.003 to 449.018, inclusive, have the meanings 22 ascribed to them in such sections.

NRS 449.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Funds received from the licensure of health and care facilities shall be deposited in the health and care facility licensing administration fund and thereby merged with appropriated funds, and shall be disbursed on claims signed by the health division and paid, as other claims against the state are paid, out of the health and care facility licensing administration fund in the state treasury.

The health division shall enforce the provisions of NRS 449.001 to 449.245, inclusive, and section 3 of this act, and may incur any necessary expenses not in excess of the revenue from fees from licensure and

appropriated and authorized state and federal funds.

SEC. 6. NRS 449.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.150 The health division may:

1. Upon receipt of an application for a license, conduct an investigation into the premises, facilities, qualifications of personnel, methods of operation, policies and purposes of any person proposing to engage in the operation of a health and care facility. Such facility is subject to inspection and approval as to fire safety standards, on behalf of the health division, by the state fire marshal or his designate.

2. Inspect every licensed health and care facility as often as is necessary to assure that there is compliance with all applicable rules, regula-

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3. Employ such professional, technical and clerical assistance as it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of NRS 449.001 to 449.245, inclusive [.], and section 3 of this act.

NRS 449:160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.160 The health division may deny an application for a license or may suspend or revoke any license issued under the provisions of NRS 449.001 to 449.240, inclusive, and section 3 of this act, upon any of the following grounds:

Violation by the applicant or the licensee of any of the provisions of NRS 449.001 to 449.245, inclusive, and section 3 of this act, or of any other law of this state or of the standards, rules and regulations

promulgated thereunder.

Aiding, abetting or permitting the commission of any illegal act. Conduct inimical to the public health, morals, welfare and safety of the people of the State of Nevada in the maintenance and operation of the premises for which a license is issued.

4. Conduct or practice detrimental to the health or safety of the

occupants or employees of the facility.

5. Failure of the applicant to obtain written approval from the state comprehensive health planning advisory council as required by NRS 439A.100 and as provided in the rules of such council.

SEC. 8. NRS 449.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.230 Any duly authorized member or employee of the health division may enter and inspect any building or premises at any time to secure compliance with or prevent a violation of any provision of NRS 449.001 to 449.245, inclusive [.], and section 3 of this act.

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SEC. 9. NRS 449.240 is hereby amended to read as follows: 449.240 The district attorney of the county in which the facility is located shall, upon application by the health division, institute and conduct the prosecution of any action for violation of any provisions of NRS 449.001 to 449.245, inclusive [.], and section 3 of this act.