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SENATE BILL 235 (REQUESTED BY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE) HEARINGS 3/17/03 AND 3/27/03

Revises provisions governing payment of hospitals for treating disproportionate share of Medicaid patients, indigent patients or other low-income patients. (BDR 38-746)

The following amendments are proposed:

Technical Amendment

1. Corrects reference on line 21, page 2, should be to paragraph (c) of subsection 2 of NRS 422.387, NOT to paragraph (b). The change will shift the reference to a private hospital in Washoe County, NOT a private hospital in Clark County (see attachment).

Mike Alastuey Proposals:

2. Amendment No. 4

Line 6 and 7 make an adjustment that recognizes the state share, but does not make the state distribution at the expense of UMC (UMC = \$14,239,416; state = \$17,185,788).

Line 8 and 12 technical correction – bad reference in the bill.

Lines 9 – 11 provide that Washoe County's IGT varies with the amount of DSH on the low side, not on the high side. Prevents a relatively large reduction to Washoe County. May want to consider whether to do or not.

Line 13 and 14 the Shall language for Mike Alastuey.

Line 15 to 17 provide that Sunrise gets 1/6th of the Clark County private pool – see allocation of benefits spreadsheet.

Line 18 to 20 provide clarification that reductions apply to pools, not hospitals, unless the base payments to hospitals in a pool exceed the amount of the pool. Without this, there is a distortion of the distribution to the rural hospitals, and violates the "do no harm" instruction.

EXHIBIT F Senate Comm. on HR and Facilities

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SENATE BILL 235 PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR SENATOR RAYMOND D. RAWSON

The references made to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 422.387 on line 21, page 2, of Senate Bill 235 are incorrect. The reference should be to paragraph (c) of subsection 2 of NRS 422.387. Similarly, also on page 2, line 44, the reference to paragraph (b) should be replaced with paragraph (c). Paragraph (c) of subsection 2 of NRS 422.387 may be found at lines 35 to 39 on page 4 of S.B. 235.

Without the amendment, paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of Section 2 of the bill, which is on page 2, incorrectly refers to a private hospital in Clark County when it should refer to a private hospital in Washoe County.

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Proposed Amendments to S.B. 235 Amendment Number 4 (Reference the Printed Bill)

Page 2, line 14, strike "\$24,000,000" and insert "thirty-three (33) percent of such payments" Page 2, line 21, strike "(b)" and insert "(c)"

Page 2, line 28, strike "\$1,500,000" and insert "one and ninety-five one-hundreds (1.95) percent of the total amount of disproportionate share payments distributed to all hospitals pursuant to NRS 422.387 for a fiscal year, but not more than \$1,500,000"

Page 2, line 44, strike "(b)" and insert "(c)"

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