
SENATE BILL NO. 484—SENATOR SPEARMAN

MARCH 25, 2019

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to state health care programs. (BDR 38-1133)

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 health care; authorizing reimbursement under Medicaid for the services of a chiropractor; authorizing the establishment of a program to negotiate discounts and rebates for hearing devices and related costs for children who are deaf and hard of hearing; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to
2 administer Medicaid. (NRS 422.270) **Section 1** of this bill requires the Director of
3 the Department to include in the State Plan for Medicaid a provision authorizing
4 reimbursement under Medicaid for the services of a chiropractor. **Section 3** of this
5 bill makes a conforming change.

6 Existing law establishes a program to provide assistive technology and
7 interpreters for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. (NRS 427A.797) **Section 2**
8 of this bill authorizes the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services
9 to establish a program to negotiate discounts and rebates for hearing devices and
10 related costs for children in this State who are deaf or hard of hearing on behalf of
11 public and private insurers, residents of this State and other entities that provide
12 health coverage or otherwise purchase hearing devices for such children.



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 *The Director shall include in the State Plan for Medicaid a*
4 *provision authorizing reimbursement under Medicaid for the*
5 *services of a chiropractor.*

6 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 427A of NRS is hereby amended by adding
7 thereto a new section to read as follows:

8 1. *The Director may establish a program to negotiate*
9 *discounts and rebates for hearing devices and related costs,*
10 *including, without limitation, ear molds, batteries and FM*
11 *systems, for children in this State who are deaf or hard of hearing*
12 *on behalf of entities described in subsection 2 who participate in*
13 *the program.*

14 2. *The following persons and entities may participate in a*
15 *program established pursuant to subsection 1:*

16 (a) *The Public Employees' Benefits Program;*

17 (b) *A governing body of a county, school district, municipal*
18 *corporation, political subdivision, public corporation or other*
19 *local governmental agency that provides health coverage to*
20 *employees through a self-insurance reserve fund pursuant to*
21 *NRS 287.010;*

22 (c) *An insurer licensed pursuant to title 57 of NRS;*

23 (d) *An employer or employee organization based in this State*
24 *that provides health coverage to employees through a self-*
25 *insurance reserve fund;*

26 (e) *A governmental agency or nonprofit organization that*
27 *purchases hearing devices for children in this State who are deaf*
28 *or hard of hearing;*

29 (f) *A resident of this State who does not have coverage for*
30 *hearing devices; and*

31 (g) *Any other person or entity that provides health coverage or*
32 *otherwise purchases hearing devices for children in this State who*
33 *are deaf and hard of hearing.*

34 3. *A person or entity described in subsection 2 may*
35 *participate in any program established pursuant to subsection 1 by*
36 *submitting an application to the Department in the form*
37 *prescribed by the Department.*

38 **Sec. 3.** NRS 232.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 232.320 1. The Director:

40 (a) Shall appoint, with the consent of the Governor,
41 administrators of the divisions of the Department, who are
42 respectively designated as follows:



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

3 (2) The Administrator of the Division of Welfare and
4 Supportive Services;

5 (3) The Administrator of the Division of Child and Family
6 Services;

7 (4) The Administrator of the Division of Health Care
8 Financing and Policy; and

9 (5) The Administrator of the Division of Public and
10 Behavioral Health.

11 (b) Shall administer, through the divisions of the Department,
12 the provisions of chapters 63, 424, 425, 427A, 432A to 442,
13 inclusive, 446 to 450, inclusive, 458A and 656A of NRS, NRS
14 127.220 to 127.310, inclusive, 422.001 to 422.410, inclusive, *and*
15 *section 1 of this act*, 422.580, 432.010 to 432.133, inclusive,
16 432B.621 to 432B.626, inclusive, 444.002 to 444.430, inclusive,
17 and 445A.010 to 445A.055, inclusive, and all other provisions of
18 law relating to the functions of the divisions of the Department, but
19 is not responsible for the clinical activities of the Division of Public
20 and Behavioral Health or the professional line activities of the other
21 divisions.

22 (c) Shall administer any state program for persons with
23 developmental disabilities established pursuant to the
24 Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of
25 2000, 42 U.S.C. §§ 15001 et seq.

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

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

35 (2) Set forth priorities for the provision of those services;

36 (3) Provide for communication and the coordination of those
37 services among nonprofit organizations, agencies of local
38 government, the State and the Federal Government;

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

41 (5) Set forth sufficient information to assist the Department
42 in providing those services and in the planning and budgeting for the
43 future provision of those services; and

44 (6) Contain any other information necessary for the
45 Department to communicate effectively with the Federal



1 Government concerning demographic trends, formulas for the
2 distribution of federal money and any need for the modification of
3 programs administered by the Department.

4 (e) May, by regulation, require nonprofit organizations and state
5 and local governmental agencies to provide information regarding
6 the programs of those organizations and agencies, excluding
7 detailed information relating to their budgets and payrolls, which the
8 Director deems necessary for the performance of the duties imposed
9 upon him or her pursuant to this section.

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

11 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Director, or
12 the Director's designee, is responsible for appointing and removing
13 subordinate officers and employees of the Department, other than
14 the State Public Defender of the Office of State Public Defender
15 who is appointed pursuant to NRS 180.010.

16 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

