

SENATE BILL NO. 484—SENATOR SPEARMAN

MARCH 25, 2019

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Authorizes reimbursement under Medicaid for the services of a chiropractor. (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.

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AN ACT relating to health care; authorizing reimbursement under Medicaid for the services of a chiropractor; 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.

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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.** (Deleted by amendment.)

7 **Sec. 3.** 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;



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

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

5 (4) The Administrator of the Division of Health Care  
6 Financing and Policy; and

7 (5) The Administrator of the Division of Public and  
8 Behavioral Health.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

42 (6) Contain any other information necessary for the  
43 Department to communicate effectively with the Federal  
44 Government concerning demographic trends, formulas for the



1 distribution of federal money and any need for the modification of  
2 programs administered by the Department.

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

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

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

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

