

Assembly Bill No. 344—Assemblywomen  
Thomas and Krasner

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to public welfare; authorizing the establishment of a program to facilitate the transition of older persons and persons with disabilities being discharged from a hospital; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law requires the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services to administer certain programs to serve elderly persons and persons with disabilities. (NRS 427A.040) This bill authorizes the Division to establish a program to facilitate the transition of older persons and persons with disabilities from a hospital to their places of residence. This bill requires the program to: (1) provide for collaboration between hospital staff responsible for a discharge and the older person or person with a disability being discharged and his or her caregivers; and (2) facilitate the coordination of health care and social services for an older person or a person with a disability.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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

**Section 1.** Chapter 427A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*1. To the extent that money is available for this purpose, the Division may establish by regulation a program to facilitate the transition of older persons and persons with disabilities from a hospital to their places of residence. The program must:*

*(a) Provide for collaboration between:*

*(1) Hospital staff who are responsible for discharging an older person or a person with a disability; and*

*(2) The older person or person with a disability and any caregivers or other persons assisting the older person or person with a disability; and*

*(b) Facilitate the coordination of health care and social services to support the older person or person with a disability and any caregivers or other persons assisting the older person or person with a disability.*

*2. The Division may:*

*(a) Limit the program established pursuant to this section to particular groups of older persons or persons with disabilities within the limits of available funding;*



*(b) Accept gifts, grants and donations for the purpose of establishing and operating the program; and*

*(c) Use other options available to fund the program, including, without limitation, billing third parties for the services provided by the program to persons currently covered by the third parties.*

*3. As used in this section:*

*(a) "Older person" means a person who is 60 years of age or older.*

*(b) "Person with a disability" means:*

*(1) A person with a physical disability, as defined in NRS 427A.1222;*

*(2) A person with a related condition, as defined in NRS 427A.1224; or*

*(3) A person with an intellectual disability, as defined in NRS 427A.1226.*

*(c) "Third party" means:*

*(1) An insurer, as defined in NRS 679B.540;*

*(2) A health benefit plan, as defined in NRS 687B.470, for employees which provides coverage for services and care at a hospital;*

*(3) A participating public agency, as defined in NRS 287.04052, and any other local governmental agency of the State of Nevada which provides a system of health insurance for the benefit of its officers and employees, and the dependents of officers and employees, pursuant to chapter 287 of NRS; or*

*(4) Any other insurer or organization providing health coverage or benefits in accordance with state or federal law.*

*↳ The term does not include an insurer that provides coverage under a policy of casualty or property insurance.*

**Sec. 2.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.

2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective:

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

(b) On October 1, 2021, for all other purposes.

