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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 344—ASSEMBLYWOMEN
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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Authorizes the establishment of a program to facilitate transition of the care of older persons and persons with disabilities. (BDR 38-743)

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 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:

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

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

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

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

7 ***(a) Provide for collaboration between:***



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

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

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

10 2. The Division may:

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

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

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

19 3. As used in this section:

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

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

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

25 (2) A person with a related condition, as defined in NRS
26 427A.1224; or

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

29 (c) "Third party" means:

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

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

34 (3) A participating public agency, as defined in NRS
35 287.04052, and any other local governmental agency of the State
36 of Nevada which provides a system of health insurance for the
37 benefit of its officers and employees, and the dependents of
38 officers and employees, pursuant to chapter 287 of NRS; or

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

41 ➔ The term does not include an insurer that provides coverage
42 under a policy of casualty or property insurance.

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

45 2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective:



- 1 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any
2 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
3 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and
4 (b) On October 1, 2021, for all other purposes.

