

SENATE BILL NO. 40—COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF THE PATIENT PROTECTION COMMISSION)

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Creates the Medicaid Health Care Workforce Account. (BDR 38-451)

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 Medicaid; creating the Medicaid Health Care Workforce Account; prescribing the authorized uses of the money in the Account; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology in the
2 Office of the Governor to establish and administer a Graduate Medical Education
3 Grant Program as a competitive grant program to award grants to institutions in this
4 State seeking to create, expand or retain certain programs for residency training for
5 physicians and postdoctoral medical fellows. (NRS 223.637) Existing law
6 authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to administer a
7 program to provide loans for fees, books and living expenses to students in the
8 nursing programs of the Nevada System of Higher Education. (NRS 396.890)
9 Existing law authorizes the Nevada Health Service Corps established by the
10 University of Nevada School of Medicine to administer a program to repay the
11 student education loans on behalf of certain health care practitioners who practice
12 in areas of this State in which a shortage of that type of practitioner exists. (NRS
13 396.903) **Section 1** of this bill creates the Medicaid Health Care Workforce
14 Account. **Section 1** requires the Administrator of the Division of Health Care
15 Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services to use the
16 money in the Account to: (1) pay the costs of administering the Account; and (2)
17 support projects and programs to expand the health care workforce of this State for
18 which certain federal financial participation is available. **Section 2** of this bill
19 requires the Director of the Department to administer the provisions of **section 1**
20 in the same manner as other provisions relating to Medicaid.



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 **1. The Medicaid Health Care Workforce Account is hereby**
4 **created in the State General Fund. The Administrator shall**
5 **administer the Account.**

6 **2. The money in the account must be used to:**

7 **(a) Pay the costs of administering the Account; and**

8 **(b) Support projects and programs to expand the health care**
9 **workforce of this State for which federal financial participation is**
10 **available under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, which may**
11 **include, without limitation:**

12 **(1) Programs to provide graduate medical education;**

13 **(2) Programs to pay the indirect costs of medical education;**

14 **(3) Fellowship and apprenticeship programs for providers**
15 **of health care; and**

16 **(4) Programs to assist with repayment of student education**
17 **loans for providers of health care.**

18 **3. The Administrator may apply for and accept any gift,**
19 **donation, bequest, grant or other source of money for the purposes**
20 **described in subsection 2. Any money so received must be**
21 **deposited in the Account.**

22 **4. The interest and income earned on the money in the**
23 **Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited**
24 **to the Account. Any money remaining in the Account at the end of**
25 **the fiscal year does not revert to the State General Fund, and the**
26 **balance in the Account must be carried forward to the next fiscal**
27 **year.**

28 **5. Claims against the Account must be paid as other claims**
29 **against the State are paid.**

30 **6. As used in this section, "indirect costs of medical**
31 **education" means the higher costs for patient care paid by**
32 **facilities that provide graduate medical education relative to**
33 **facilities that do not provide graduate medical education.**

34 **Sec. 2.** NRS 232.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 232.320 1. The Director:

36 (a) Shall appoint, with the consent of the Governor,
37 administrators of the divisions of the Department, who are
38 respectively designated as follows:

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

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



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

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

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

7 (b) Shall administer, through the divisions of the Department,
8 the provisions of chapters 63, 424, 425, 427A, 432A to 442,
9 inclusive, 446 to 450, inclusive, 458A and 656A of NRS, NRS
10 127.220 to 127.310, inclusive, 422.001 to 422.410, inclusive, *and*
11 *section 1 of this act*, 422.580, 432.010 to 432.133, inclusive,
12 432B.6201 to 432B.626, inclusive, 444.002 to 444.430, inclusive,
13 and 445A.010 to 445A.055, inclusive, and all other provisions of
14 law relating to the functions of the divisions of the Department, but
15 is not responsible for the clinical activities of the Division of Public
16 and Behavioral Health or the professional line activities of the other
17 divisions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

40 (6) Contain any other information necessary for the
41 Department to communicate effectively with the Federal
42 Government concerning demographic trends, formulas for the
43 distribution of federal money and any need for the modification of
44 programs administered by the Department.



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

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

8 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Director, or
9 the Director's designee, is responsible for appointing and removing
10 subordinate officers and employees of the Department.

11 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.

