

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 347—ASSEMBLYMAN ORENTLICHER

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Requires the Legislative Committee on Health Care to study certain issues related to the economics of health care. (BDR S-541)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact. 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; requiring the Legislative Committee on Health Care to study matters relating to the economics of health care in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law establishes the Legislative Committee on Health Care to review
2 and examine certain issues relating to the provision of health care in this State.
3 (NRS 439B.200, 439B.220) This bill requires the Legislative Committee on Health
4 Care, during the 2021-2023 legislative interim, to study: (1) the economics of the
5 system of setting reimbursement rates for health care services by private and public
6 health insurers; (2) the impact of current reimbursement rates paid by insurers for
7 health care services on patients; (3) opportunities to set rates charged for health care
8 services at a level to allow providers of health care, including health care
9 institutions, to cover and reduce costs and make a reasonable profit; (4) incentives
10 for providers of health care to provide services to recipients of Medicaid; and (5)
11 make recommendations to the 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature.

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

1 **Section 1.** 1. As part of its review of health care during the
2 2022-2023 legislative interim, the Legislative Committee on Health
3 Care shall study:

4 (a) The economics of the system of setting reimbursement rates
5 for health care services in this State by private and public health



1 insurers, including, without limitation, Medicaid, and a comparison
2 of that system with such systems in other states;

3 (b) The impact of current reimbursement rates paid by health
4 insurers for health care services on patients in this State, including,
5 without limitation, costs relating to health care services imposed on
6 such patients and the cost of premiums for health insurance;

7 (c) Opportunities and options to set rates charged for health care
8 services at a level that would allow providers of health care to cover
9 reasonable costs of providing health care services, earn a fair and
10 reasonable profit and reduce administrative costs relating to billing
11 for health care; and

12 (d) Opportunities and options to provide incentives for providers
13 of health care to provide health care services to recipients of
14 Medicaid throughout this State, including, without limitation, by:

15 (1) Increasing reimbursement rates for Medicaid by imposing
16 assessments on certain groups of providers of health care; and

17 (2) Reducing administrative burdens.

18 2. On or before September 1, 2022, the Legislative Committee
19 on Health Care shall submit its findings and any recommendations
20 to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to
21 the 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature.

22 3. As used in this section:

23 (a) "Health care services" has the meaning ascribed to it in
24 NRS 695G.022.

25 (b) "Provider of health care" has the meaning ascribed to it in
26 NRS 695G.070.

27 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

