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SENATE BILL NO. 115—COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE)

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

**SUMMARY**—Establishes provisions governing payment for the provision of certain services and care to patients and reports relating to those services and care. (BDR 40-192)

**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; requiring certain hospitals and physicians to accept certain rates as payment in full for the provision of certain services and care to certain patients; providing an exception under certain circumstances; requiring the submission of certain reports relating to policies of health insurance and similar contractual agreements by certain third parties who issue those policies and agreements; revising provisions relating to the duties of the Director of the Office for Consumer Health Assistance; requiring the Commissioner of Insurance to study issues relating to policies of health insurance and similar contractual agreements; requiring the Commissioner to adopt related regulations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Under existing law, a hospital is required to provide emergency services and  
2 care and to admit certain patients where appropriate, regardless of the financial  
3 status of the patient. (NRS 439B.410) Existing law also requires certain major  
4 hospitals to reduce total billed charges by at least 30 percent for hospital services  
5 provided to certain patients who have no insurance or other contractual provision  
6 for the payment of the charges by a third party. (NRS 439B.260) **Section 13** of this  
7 bill requires an out-of-network hospital with 100 or more beds that is not operated



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8 by a federal, state or local governmental entity to accept, under certain  
9 circumstances, as payment in full for the provision of emergency services and care  
10 to certain patients a rate which does not exceed the greater of: (1) the amount that  
11 the third party negotiated with other hospitals in this State; (2) the amount  
12 calculated using the same method the third party uses to determine payments to out-  
13 of-network hospitals, without reducing the calculation for cost sharing; or (3) the  
14 amount that would be paid by Medicare. The Commissioner of Insurance may  
15 adopt regulations to interpret these provisions in a manner that is similar to the  
16 interpretation of the federal regulation establishing the amount that certain health  
17 insurance providers must pay to out-of-network hospitals for emergency services.  
18 (29 C.F.R. § 2590.715-2719A) **Section 14** of this bill requires an out-of-network  
19 physician on the medical staff of an out-of-network hospital with 100 or more beds  
20 to accept as payment in full for the provision of emergency services and care, other  
21 than services and care provided to stabilize a patient, a rate which is similarly  
22 calculated to that in **section 13**. **Section 15** of this bill requires an out-of-network  
23 physician on the medical staff of an in-network hospital with 100 or more beds to  
24 accept as payment in full for the provision of medical services and care, other than  
25 services and care provided to stabilize a patient, a rate which is similarly calculated  
26 to that in **section 13**. **Sections 13-15** further provide that, if a hospital or physician,  
27 as applicable, determines that the amount prescribed pursuant to those sections is  
28 not sufficient to reimburse for the provision of services and care to a patient, the  
29 hospital or physician may negotiate a different rate with the third party and may,  
30 under certain circumstances, file a complaint and request for mediation with the  
31 Director of the Office for Consumer Health Assistance. **Section 17** of this bill  
32 requires the Director to establish a procedure for filing and processing such  
33 complaints and requests for mediation.

34 **Section 16** of this bill requires a third party who wishes to pay the amounts  
35 prescribed pursuant to **sections 13-15** to maintain an adequate network of providers  
36 and submit certain reports to the Commissioner of Insurance and to the Legislative  
37 Committee on Health Care. **Section 18** of this bill requires the Commissioner of  
38 Insurance to prescribe the standards of adequacy for the networks of third parties in  
39 this State and to determine whether third parties have adequate networks.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 439B of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 16, inclusive, of this  
3 act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 2 to 16, inclusive, of this act,*  
5 *unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined*  
6 *in sections 3 to 12, inclusive, of this act have the meanings*  
7 *ascribed to them in those sections.*

8 **Sec. 3.** *“Air ambulance” has the meaning ascribed to it in*  
9 *NRS 450B.030.*

10 **Sec. 4.** *“Ambulance” has the meaning ascribed to it in*  
11 *NRS 450B.040.*

12 **Sec. 5.** *“Emergency services and care” has the meaning*  
13 *ascribed to it in NRS 439B.410.*



1       **Sec. 6.** *“Fire-fighting agency” has the meaning ascribed to it*  
2 *in NRS 450B.072.*

3       **Sec. 7.** *“In-network hospital” means, for a particular patient,*  
4 *a hospital which has entered into a contract with a third party for*  
5 *the provision of health care to persons who are covered by a policy*  
6 *of insurance or other contractual agreement which provides*  
7 *coverage to the patient and which is issued by that third party.*

8       **Sec. 8.** *“In-network physician” means, for a particular*  
9 *patient, a physician who has entered into a contract with a third*  
10 *party for the provision of health care to persons who are covered*  
11 *by a policy of insurance or other contractual agreement which*  
12 *provides coverage to the patient and which is issued by that third*  
13 *party.*

14       **Sec. 9.** *“Out-of-network hospital” means, for a particular*  
15 *patient, a hospital which has not entered into a contract with a*  
16 *third party for the provision of health care to persons who are*  
17 *covered by a policy of insurance or other contractual agreement*  
18 *which provides coverage to the patient and which is issued by that*  
19 *third party.*

20       **Sec. 10.** *“Out-of-network physician” means, for a particular*  
21 *patient, a physician who has not entered into a contract with a*  
22 *third party for the provision of health care to persons who are*  
23 *covered by a policy of insurance or other contractual agreement*  
24 *which provides coverage to the patient and which is issued by that*  
25 *third party.*

26       **Sec. 11.** *“Third party” includes, without limitation:*

27       1. *An insurer, as that term is defined in NRS 679B.540;*

28       2. *A health benefit plan, as that term is defined in NRS*  
29 *689A.540, for employees which provides coverage for emergency*  
30 *services and care at a hospital;*

31       3. *A participating public agency, as that term is defined in*  
32 *NRS 287.04052, and any other local governmental agency of the*  
33 *State of Nevada which provides a system of health insurance for*  
34 *the benefit of its officers and employees, and the dependents of*  
35 *such officers and employees, pursuant to chapter 287 of NRS; and*  
36       4. *Any other insurer or organization providing health*  
37 *coverage or benefits in accordance with state or federal law.*

38       **Sec. 12.** *“To stabilize” has the meaning ascribed to it in 42*  
39 *U.S.C. § 1395dd.*

40       **Sec. 13.** 1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3*  
41 *and 4, an out-of-network hospital with 100 or more beds that is*  
42 *not operated by a federal, state or local governmental agency shall*  
43 *accept as payment in full for the provision of emergency services*  
44 *and care to a patient a rate in accordance with subsection 2 if the*  
45 *patient:*



1 (a) Was transported to the out-of-network hospital for the  
2 provision of emergency services and care by an ambulance, air  
3 ambulance or vehicle of a fire-fighting agency which has received  
4 a permit to operate pursuant to chapter 450B of NRS; and

5 (b) Has a policy of insurance or other contractual agreement  
6 with a third party that provides coverage for emergency services  
7 and care provided by more than one hospital in this State other  
8 than the hospital to which the patient was transported.

9 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4, an  
10 out-of-network hospital with 100 or more beds which is not  
11 operated by a federal, state or local governmental agency that  
12 provides to a patient described in subsection 1 emergency services  
13 and care shall accept as payment in full for such emergency  
14 services and care a rate which does not exceed the greater of:

15 (a) The amount negotiated by the third party with in-network  
16 hospitals in this State for the emergency services and care  
17 provided, excluding any deductible, copayment or coinsurance  
18 paid by the patient. If there is more than one amount negotiated  
19 with in-network hospitals for the emergency services and care, the  
20 amount prescribed in this paragraph must be equal to the median  
21 of the amounts negotiated by the third party with all in-network  
22 hospitals. The median must be determined by treating the amount  
23 negotiated with each in-network hospital as a separate amount,  
24 even if the same amount is paid to more than one hospital.

25 (b) The amount for the emergency services and care calculated  
26 using the same method the third party uses to determine payments  
27 to out-of-network hospitals, including, without limitation, the  
28 usual, customary and reasonable amount, excluding any  
29 deductible, copayment or coinsurance paid by the patient. The  
30 amount prescribed in this paragraph must be determined without  
31 reducing the calculation for cost sharing that is applied by the  
32 third party with respect to emergency services and care provided  
33 by an out-of-network hospital.

34 (c) The amount that would be paid by Medicare pursuant to  
35 Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1395 et seq.,  
36 for the emergency services and care, excluding any deductible,  
37 copayment or coinsurance paid by the patient.

38 ↪ The Commissioner of Insurance may adopt regulations that  
39 interpret the provisions of this subsection, which must be  
40 consistent with the provisions of 29 C.F.R. § 2590.715-2719A to  
41 the extent practicable.

42 3. An out-of-network hospital is not required to accept as  
43 payment in full the amount specified pursuant to subsection 2 if:

44 (a) The network of the third party that issued the policy of  
45 insurance or other contractual agreement which provides



1 coverage to the patient does not meet the standards of adequacy,  
2 as determined by the Commissioner of Insurance pursuant to  
3 section 18 of this act;

4 (b) The third party that issued the policy of insurance or other  
5 contractual agreement which provides coverage to the patient has  
6 not submitted the quarterly reports required by section 16 of this  
7 act;

8 (c) The third party which provides coverage to the patient has  
9 not, in good faith, participated in a negotiation or mediation  
10 pursuant to subsection 4 and has not documented the occurrence  
11 and outcome of any negotiation or mediation;

12 (d) The patient has not paid the deductible, copayment or  
13 coinsurance that the patient would have paid for the provision of  
14 emergency services and care at an in-network hospital; or

15 (e) The third party has not paid the out-of-network hospital for  
16 the emergency services and care within 60 days after receipt of the  
17 bill or, if applicable, within 60 days after the conclusion of any  
18 negotiation or mediation between the third party and the hospital.

19 4. If an out-of-network hospital believes that the amounts  
20 prescribed in subsection 2 are insufficient to compensate the out-  
21 of-network hospital for the emergency services and care provided  
22 by the hospital, the hospital may enter into negotiations with the  
23 third party which provides coverage to the patient to resolve the  
24 difference between the amount charged by the hospital and  
25 the amount paid by the third party. If such negotiations do not  
26 result in an agreement on the amount that will be paid for the  
27 emergency services and care, the out-of-network hospital may file  
28 a complaint with the Director of the Office for Consumer Health  
29 Assistance pursuant to NRS 223.560 and request that the Director  
30 mediate to determine the amount that must be paid for such  
31 emergency services and care.

32 **Sec. 14. 1.** Except as otherwise provided in this section, an  
33 out-of-network physician on the medical staff of an out-of-  
34 network hospital with 100 or more beds shall accept as payment in  
35 full for the provision of emergency services and care to a patient,  
36 other than services and care provided to stabilize the patient, a rate  
37 in accordance with subsection 2 if the patient:

38 (a) Was transported to the out-of-network hospital for the  
39 provision of emergency services and care by an ambulance, air  
40 ambulance or vehicle of a fire-fighting agency which has received  
41 a permit to operate pursuant to chapter 450B of NRS; and

42 (b) Has a policy of insurance or other contractual agreement  
43 with a third party that provides coverage for the provision of  
44 health care by more than one in-network physician in this State  
45 who provides the type of services and care other than the



1 *out-of-network physician who provided the emergency services*  
2 *and care at the out-of-network hospital to which the patient was*  
3 *transported.*

4 2. *Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4, an*  
5 *out-of-network physician on the medical staff of an out-of-*  
6 *network hospital with 100 or more beds that provides to a patient*  
7 *described in subsection 1 emergency services and care, other than*  
8 *services and care provided to stabilize the patient, shall accept as*  
9 *payment in full for such emergency services and care a rate which*  
10 *does not exceed the greater of:*

11 (a) *The amount negotiated by the third party with in-network*  
12 *physicians in this State for the emergency services and care*  
13 *provided, excluding any deductible, copayment or coinsurance*  
14 *paid by the patient. If there is more than one amount negotiated*  
15 *with in-network physicians for the emergency services and care,*  
16 *the amount prescribed in this paragraph must be equal to the*  
17 *median of the amounts negotiated by the third party with all in-*  
18 *network physicians. The median must be determined by treating*  
19 *the amount negotiated with each in-network physician as a*  
20 *separate amount, even if the same amount is paid to more than*  
21 *one physician.*

22 (b) *The amount for the emergency services and care calculated*  
23 *using the same method the third party uses to determine payments*  
24 *to out-of-network physicians, including, without limitation, the*  
25 *usual, customary and reasonable amount, excluding any*  
26 *deductible, copayment or coinsurance paid by the patient. The*  
27 *amount prescribed in this paragraph must be determined without*  
28 *reducing the calculation for cost sharing that is applied by the*  
29 *third party with respect to emergency services and care provided*  
30 *by an out-of-network physician.*

31 (c) *The amount that would be paid by Medicare pursuant to*  
32 *Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1395 et seq.,*  
33 *for the emergency services and care, excluding any deductible,*  
34 *copayment or coinsurance paid by the patient.*

35 ↪ *The Commissioner of Insurance may adopt regulations that*  
36 *interpret the provisions of this subsection, which must be*  
37 *consistent with the provisions of 29 C.F.R. § 2590.715-2719A to*  
38 *the extent practicable.*

39 3. *An out-of-network physician is not required to accept as*  
40 *payment in full the amount specified pursuant to subsection 2 if:*

41 (a) *The network of the third party that issued the policy of*  
42 *insurance or other contractual agreement which provides*  
43 *coverage to the patient does not meet the standards of adequacy,*  
44 *as determined by the Commissioner of Insurance pursuant to*  
45 *section 18 of this act;*



1       (b) *The third party that issued the policy of insurance or other*  
2 *contractual agreement which provides coverage to the patient has*  
3 *not submitted the quarterly reports required by section 16 of this*  
4 *act;*

5       (c) *The third party which provides coverage to the patient has*  
6 *not, in good faith, participated in a negotiation or mediation*  
7 *pursuant to subsection 4 and has not documented the occurrence*  
8 *and outcome of any negotiation or mediation;*

9       (d) *The patient has not paid the deductible, copayment or*  
10 *coinsurance that the patient would have paid for the provision of*  
11 *emergency services and care to an in-network physician; or*

12       (e) *The third party has not paid the out-of-network physician*  
13 *for the services and care within 60 days after receipt of the bill or,*  
14 *if applicable, within 60 days after the conclusion of any*  
15 *negotiation or mediation between the third party and the*  
16 *physician.*

17       4. *If an out-of-network physician believes that the amounts*  
18 *prescribed in subsection 2 are insufficient to compensate the out-*  
19 *of-network physician for the emergency services and care provided*  
20 *by the physician, the physician may enter into negotiations with*  
21 *the third party which provides coverage to the patient to resolve*  
22 *the difference between the amount charged by the physician*  
23 *and the amount paid by the third party. If such negotiations do not*  
24 *result in an agreement on the amount that will be paid for*  
25 *emergency services and care, the out-of-network physician may*  
26 *file a complaint with the Director of the Office for Consumer*  
27 *Health Assistance pursuant to NRS 223.560 and request that the*  
28 *Director mediate to determine the amount that must be paid for*  
29 *such emergency services and care.*

30       **Sec. 15.** 1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3*  
31 *and 4, an out-of-network physician on the medical staff of an in-*  
32 *network hospital with 100 or more beds shall accept as payment in*  
33 *full for the provision of medical services and care to a patient,*  
34 *other than services and care provided to stabilize the patient, a rate*  
35 *in accordance with subsection 2 if the patient has a policy of*  
36 *insurance or other contractual agreement with a third party that*  
37 *provides coverage for the provision of medical services and care by*  
38 *more than one physician in this State who provides the type of*  
39 *services and care other than the physician who provided the*  
40 *services and care.*

41       2. *Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4, an*  
42 *out-of-network physician on the medical staff of an in-network*  
43 *hospital with 100 or more beds that provides to a patient described*  
44 *in subsection 1 medical services and care, other than services and*  
45 *care provided to stabilize the patient, shall accept as payment in*



1 *full for such services and care a rate which does not exceed the*  
2 *greater of:*

3 *(a) The amount negotiated by the third party with in-network*  
4 *physicians in this State for the medical services and care provided,*  
5 *excluding any deductible, copayment or coinsurance paid by the*  
6 *patient. If there is more than one amount negotiated with in-*  
7 *network physicians for the medical services and care, the amount*  
8 *prescribed in this paragraph must be equal to the median of the*  
9 *amounts negotiated by the third party with all in-network*  
10 *physicians. The median must be determined by treating the*  
11 *amount negotiated with each in-network physician as a separate*  
12 *amount, even if the same amount is paid to more than one*  
13 *physician.*

14 *(b) The amount for the medical services and care calculated*  
15 *using the same method the third party uses to determine payments*  
16 *to out-of-network physicians, including, without limitation, the*  
17 *usual, customary and reasonable amount, excluding any*  
18 *deductible, copayment or coinsurance paid by the patient. The*  
19 *amount prescribed in this paragraph must be determined without*  
20 *reducing the calculation for cost sharing that is applied by the*  
21 *third party with respect to medical services and care provided by*  
22 *an out-of-network physician.*

23 *(c) The amount that would be paid by Medicare pursuant to*  
24 *Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1395 et seq.,*  
25 *for the medical services and care, excluding any deductible,*  
26 *copayment or coinsurance paid by the patient.*

27 *↳ The Commissioner of Insurance may adopt regulations that*  
28 *interpret the provisions of this subsection, which must be*  
29 *consistent with the provisions of 29 C.F.R. § 2590.715-2719A*  
30 *to the extent practicable.*

31 *3. An out-of-network physician is not required to accept as*  
32 *payment in full the amount specified pursuant to subsection 2 if:*

33 *(a) The network of the third party that issued the policy of*  
34 *insurance or other contractual agreement which provides*  
35 *coverage to the patient does not meet the standards of adequacy,*  
36 *as determined by the Commissioner of Insurance pursuant to*  
37 *section 18 of this act;*

38 *(b) The third party that issued the policy of insurance or other*  
39 *contractual agreement which provides coverage to the patient has*  
40 *not submitted the quarterly reports required by section 16 of this*  
41 *act;*

42 *(c) The third party which provides coverage to the patient has*  
43 *not, in good faith, participated in a negotiation or mediation*  
44 *pursuant to subsection 4 and has not documented the occurrence*  
45 *and outcome of any negotiation or mediation;*





1 (d) The patient has not paid the deductible, copayment or  
2 coinsurance that the patient would have paid for the provision of  
3 health care to an in-network physician; or

4 (e) The third party has not paid the out-of-network physician  
5 for the services and care within 60 days after receipt of the bill or,  
6 if applicable, within 60 days after the conclusion of any  
7 negotiation or mediation between the third party and the  
8 physician.

9 4. If an out-of-network physician believes that the amounts  
10 prescribed in subsection 2 are insufficient to compensate the  
11 physician for the medical services and care provided by the  
12 physician, the physician may enter into negotiations with the third  
13 party which provides coverage to the patient to resolve the  
14 difference between the amount charged by the physician and the  
15 amount paid by the third party. If such negotiations do not result  
16 in an agreement on the amount that will be paid for the services  
17 and care, the out-of-network physician may file a complaint with  
18 the Director of the Office for Consumer Health Assistance  
19 pursuant to NRS 223.560 and request that the Director mediate to  
20 determine the amount that must be paid for such services and  
21 care.

22 **Sec. 16.** If a third party who issues a policy of insurance or  
23 other contractual agreement that provides coverage for health  
24 care in this State wishes for out-of-network hospitals and out-of-  
25 network physicians to accept as payment in full the amounts  
26 prescribed in sections 13, 14 and 15 of this act, the third party  
27 shall:

28 1. Review the in-network hospitals and in-network physicians  
29 of the third party to determine whether a person who is covered by  
30 that policy of insurance or other contractual agreement that  
31 provides coverage for health care has adequate access to health  
32 care, including, without limitation, a review of:

33 (a) The number and types of in-network hospitals and in-  
34 network physicians, including, without limitation, emergency  
35 room physicians, anesthesiologists and specialty physicians;

36 (b) Whether a person who is covered by the policy of insurance  
37 or other contractual agreement that provides coverage for the  
38 provision of health care has access to in-network hospitals and in-  
39 network physicians without experiencing an unreasonable delay  
40 in the provision of health care;

41 (c) Whether the third party has an adequate number of  
42 providers of health care in its network to ensure access to medical  
43 services and care, as determined by the Commissioner of  
44 Insurance pursuant to section 18 of this act; and



1       (d) *The in-network hospitals which provide emergency services*  
2 *and care and the number and type of in-network physicians on the*  
3 *medical staff of those in-network hospitals to ensure that the third*  
4 *party has contracted with a sufficient number and type of*  
5 *physicians who are on the medical staff of those in-network*  
6 *hospitals.*

7       2. *Review the frequency with which persons covered by the*  
8 *policy of insurance or other contractual agreement that provides*  
9 *coverage for the provision of health care are treated for*  
10 *emergency services and care by out-of-network physicians at in-*  
11 *network hospitals and the rate at which those services and care*  
12 *are reimbursed by the third party.*

13       3. *Ensure that persons covered by the policy of insurance or*  
14 *other contractual agreement that provides coverage for the*  
15 *provision of health care receive adequate information regarding*  
16 *in-network hospitals and in-network physicians and the financial*  
17 *impact of receiving medical services and care from out-of-network*  
18 *hospitals and out-of-network physicians, including, without*  
19 *limitation, the financial impact of receiving medical services and*  
20 *care from an out-of-network physician on the medical staff of an*  
21 *in-network hospital. The information must be provided in a format*  
22 *that is meaningful for persons making an informed decision*  
23 *concerning medical services and care and must be accessible to*  
24 *persons covered by the policy of insurance or other contractual*  
25 *agreement.*

26       4. *Submit once each calendar quarter to the Commissioner of*  
27 *Insurance and the Legislative Committee on Health Care a report*  
28 *containing a summary of the reviews conducted pursuant to*  
29 *subsections 1 and 2 and the educational efforts undertaken*  
30 *pursuant to subsection 3.*

31       **Sec. 17.** NRS 223.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
32       223.560 The Director shall:

33       1. Respond to written and telephonic inquiries received from  
34 consumers and injured employees regarding concerns and problems  
35 related to health care and workers' compensation;

36       2. Assist consumers and injured employees in understanding  
37 their rights and responsibilities under health care plans, including,  
38 without limitation, the Public Employees' Benefits Program, and  
39 policies of industrial insurance;

40       3. Identify and investigate complaints of consumers and  
41 injured employees regarding their health care plans, including,  
42 without limitation, the Public Employees' Benefits Program, and  
43 policies of industrial insurance and assist those consumers and  
44 injured employees to resolve their complaints, including, without  
45 limitation:



1 (a) Referring consumers and injured employees to the  
2 appropriate agency, department or other entity that is responsible for  
3 addressing the specific complaint of the consumer or injured  
4 employee; and

5 (b) Providing counseling and assistance to consumers and  
6 injured employees concerning health care plans, including, without  
7 limitation, the Public Employees' Benefits Program, and policies of  
8 industrial insurance;

9 4. Provide information to consumers and injured employees  
10 concerning health care plans, including, without limitation, the  
11 Public Employees' Benefits Program, and policies of industrial  
12 insurance in this State;

13 5. Establish and maintain a system to collect and maintain  
14 information pertaining to the written and telephonic inquiries  
15 received by the Office for Consumer Health Assistance;

16 6. Take such actions as are necessary to ensure public  
17 awareness of the existence and purpose of the services provided by  
18 the Director pursuant to this section;

19 7. In appropriate cases and pursuant to the direction of the  
20 Governor, refer a complaint or the results of an investigation to the  
21 Attorney General for further action;

22 8. Provide information to and applications for prescription drug  
23 programs for consumers without insurance coverage for prescription  
24 drugs or pharmaceutical services;

25 9. Establish and maintain an Internet website which includes:

26 (a) Information concerning purchasing prescription drugs from  
27 Canadian pharmacies that have been recommended by the State  
28 Board of Pharmacy for inclusion on the Internet website pursuant to  
29 subsection 4 of NRS 639.2328;

30 (b) Links to websites of Canadian pharmacies which have been  
31 recommended by the State Board of Pharmacy for inclusion on the  
32 Internet website pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 639.2328; and

33 (c) A link to the website established and maintained pursuant to  
34 NRS 439A.270 which provides information to the general public  
35 concerning the charges imposed and the quality of the services  
36 provided by the hospitals and surgical centers for ambulatory  
37 patients in this State; ~~and~~

38 10. *Establish by regulation a procedure for filing and*  
39 *processing complaints concerning the rate of payment prescribed*  
40 *by sections 13, 14 and 15 of this act and the mediation of those*  
41 *complaints to determine:*

42 (a) *Whether the rates paid pursuant to sections 13, 14 and 15*  
43 *of this act are sufficient in a particular circumstance; and*



1       ***(b) If a determination is made that a rate is not sufficient, an***  
2 ***acceptable rate that must be paid to the hospital or physician that***  
3 ***filed the complaint; and***

4       **11.** Assist consumers with filing complaints against health  
5 care facilities and health care professionals. As used in this  
6 subsection, "health care facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
7 NRS 162A.740.

8       **Sec. 18.** Chapter 232 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
9 thereto a new section to read as follows:

10       **1. For the purposes of sections 2 to 16, inclusive, of this act,**  
11 **the Commissioner shall:**

12       ***(a) Study the providers of health care that are included in the***  
13 ***networks established by third parties and prescribe by regulation***  
14 ***standards of adequacy based on the results of that study.***

15       ***(b) Determine whether the network established by each third***  
16 ***party in this State meets the standards of adequacy prescribed by***  
17 ***the Commissioner.***

18       **2. On or before July 1 of each year, the Commissioner shall**  
19 **prepare a report of the standards of adequacy for networks**  
20 **prescribed pursuant to subsection 1 and:**

21       ***(a) Make the report available to the public; and***

22       ***(b) Provide to the Legislative Committee on Health Care a***  
23 ***copy of the report.***

24       **3. As used in this section, "third party" has the meaning**  
25 **ascribed to it in section 11 of this act.**

26       **Sec. 19.** NRS 232.805 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27       232.805 As used in NRS 232.805 to 232.840, inclusive, ***and***  
28 ***section 18 of this act,*** unless the context otherwise requires:

29       1. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Insurance.

30       2. "Division" means the Division of Insurance of the  
31 Department of Business and Industry.

32       **Sec. 20.** 1. The Director of the Office for Consumer Health  
33 Assistance shall adopt the regulations required by NRS 223.560, as  
34 amended by section 17 of this act, on or before October 1, 2011.

35       2. The Commissioner of Insurance shall adopt the regulations  
36 required by section 18 of this act on or before October 1, 2011.

37       **Sec. 21.** 1. On or before June 30, 2014, the Legislative  
38 Committee on Health Care shall review the provisions of this act,  
39 including, without limitation, the rate of payment set forth in  
40 sections 13, 14 and 15 of this act, to determine whether providers of  
41 health care are being adequately compensated for the provision of  
42 services and care.

43       2. The Legislative Committee on Health Care shall forward to  
44 the Assembly Standing Committee on Health and Human Services  
45 and the Senate Standing Committee on Health and Education the



1 results of the review conducted pursuant to subsection 1 and any  
2 proposed changes to the provisions of this act, including, without  
3 limitation, the rate of payment set forth in sections 13, 14 and 15 of  
4 this act.

5 **Sec. 22.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval  
6 for the purpose of adopting regulations and on January 1, 2012, for  
7 all other purposes.

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