
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 439—ASSEMBLYMEN HARDY, GANSERT;
GOEDHART, GOICOECHEA, HAMBRICK AND STEWART

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Makes various changes to provisions governing policies of health insurance. (BDR 57-128)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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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 insurance; allowing basic coverage policies and plans for individuals to exclude certain mandatory coverage; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires individual and group health care policies and plans to
2 provide mandatory coverage for certain health care services. (Chapters 689A,
3 689B, 695B, 695C and 695G of NRS) This bill allows insurers and organizations
4 offering such health care policies and plans to also offer a basic coverage policy or
5 plan which covers basic medical, surgical and hospital care, prescription drugs and
6 emergency transportation, but which may exclude any other mandatory coverage,
7 so long as the plan is for an individual seeking coverage only for himself and not
8 for any dependents and, if in the case of group insurance, the individual is paying
9 for the total cost of the premiums for the policy.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 689A of NRS is hereby amended by
2 adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if an*
4 *insurer offers a policy of health insurance that includes all*
5 *coverage required by this chapter, the insurer may also offer a*
6 *policy of health insurance, designated as a basic coverage policy,*
7 *which:*



1 (a) *Is available only to an individual seeking coverage for*
2 *himself, excluding any dependents;*

3 (b) *Must include coverage of basic medical, surgical and*
4 *hospital care, prescription drugs and emergency transportation;*
5 *and*

6 (c) *May exclude any other coverage that would otherwise be*
7 *required by this chapter.*

8 2. *An insurer that offers a basic coverage policy shall provide*
9 *individuals who are seeking to be insured with information*
10 *regarding:*

11 (a) *The availability of the basic coverage policy; and*

12 (b) *The differences in coverage provided by the basic coverage*
13 *policy and a policy that includes all coverage required by this*
14 *chapter.*

15 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 689B of NRS is hereby amended by adding
16 thereto a new section to read as follows:

17 1. *Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter and*
18 *except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if an insurer offers a*
19 *policy of group health insurance that includes all coverage*
20 *required by this chapter, the insurer may also offer a policy of*
21 *group health insurance, designated as a basic coverage policy,*
22 *which:*

23 (a) *Is available only to an employee or member of the insured*
24 *group who seeks coverage for himself, excluding any dependents;*

25 (b) *Must include coverage of basic medical, surgical and*
26 *hospital care, prescription drugs and emergency transportation;*
27 *and*

28 (c) *May exclude any other coverage that would otherwise be*
29 *required by this chapter.*

30 2. *An insurer that offers a basic coverage policy shall provide*
31 *employees or members who are seeking to be insured with*
32 *information regarding:*

33 (a) *The availability of the basic coverage policy; and*

34 (b) *The differences in coverage provided by the basic coverage*
35 *policy and a policy that includes all coverage required by this*
36 *chapter.*

37 3. *An insurer that offers a basic coverage policy of group*
38 *health insurance pursuant to this section may offer that policy*
39 *only if the employee or member of the insured group is paying the*
40 *total cost of the premiums for the policy.*

41 **Sec. 3.** Chapter 695B of NRS is hereby amended by adding
42 thereto a new section to read as follows:

43 1. *Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if a*
44 *hospital or medical service corporation offers a policy of health*
45 *insurance that includes all coverage required by this chapter, the*



1 *hospital or medical service corporation may also offer a policy of*
2 *health insurance, designated as a basic coverage policy, which:*

3 *(a) Is available only to an individual seeking coverage for*
4 *himself, excluding any dependents;*

5 *(b) Must include coverage of basic medical, surgical and*
6 *hospital care, prescription drugs and emergency transportation;*
7 *and*

8 *(c) May exclude any other coverage that would otherwise be*
9 *required by this chapter.*

10 *2. A hospital or medical service corporation that offers a*
11 *basic coverage policy shall provide individuals who are seeking to*
12 *be insured with information regarding:*

13 *(a) The availability of the basic coverage policy; and*

14 *(b) The differences in coverage provided by the basic coverage*
15 *policy and a policy that includes all coverage required by this*
16 *chapter.*

17 **Sec. 4.** Chapter 695C of NRS is hereby amended by adding
18 thereto a new section to read as follows:

19 *1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if a*
20 *health maintenance organization offers a health care plan that*
21 *includes all coverage required by this chapter, the health*
22 *maintenance organization may also offer a health care plan,*
23 *designated as a basic coverage plan, which:*

24 *(a) Is available only to an individual seeking coverage for*
25 *himself, excluding any dependents;*

26 *(b) Must include coverage of basic medical, surgical and*
27 *hospital care, prescription drugs and emergency transportation;*
28 *and*

29 *(c) May exclude any other coverage that would otherwise be*
30 *required by this chapter.*

31 *2. A health maintenance organization that offers a basic*
32 *coverage plan shall provide individuals who are seeking to be*
33 *participants in a health care plan with information regarding:*

34 *(a) The availability of the basic coverage plan; and*

35 *(b) The differences in coverage provided by the basic coverage*
36 *plan and a health care plan that includes all coverage required by*
37 *this chapter.*

38 **Sec. 5.** Chapter 695G of NRS is hereby amended by adding
39 thereto a new section to read as follows:

40 *1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if a*
41 *managed care organization offers a health care plan that includes*
42 *all coverage required by this chapter, the managed care*
43 *organization may also offer a health care plan, designated as a*
44 *basic coverage plan, which:*



- 1 (a) *Is available only to an individual seeking coverage for*
2 *himself, excluding any dependents;*
3 (b) *Must include coverage of basic medical, surgical and*
4 *hospital care, prescription drugs and emergency transportation;*
5 *and*
6 (c) *May exclude any other coverage that would otherwise be*
7 *required by this chapter.*
8 2. *A managed care organization that offers a basic coverage*
9 *plan shall provide individuals who are seeking to be participants*
10 *in a health care plan with information regarding:*
11 (a) *The availability of the basic coverage plan; and*
12 (b) *The differences in coverage provided by the basic coverage*
13 *plan and a health care plan that includes all coverage required by*
14 *this chapter.*

