

# Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs

(NRS 218E.750)



## Committee Brief 2017–2018 Interim

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**Legislative Committee on  
Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs**  
(*Nevada Revised Statutes 218E.750*)



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### **CREATION**

The Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs is authorized by *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 218E.750.

### **MEMBERS**

The Committee is comprised of six legislators—three members from the Senate and three members from the Assembly. The chair and vice chair are selected by the Legislative Commission.

### **COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

The powers and duties of the Committee are codified in NRS 218E.750. The Committee is charged with reviewing, studying, and commenting on issues relating to senior citizens, veterans, and adults with special needs, including, but not limited to the following:

- Initiatives to ensure the financial and physical wellness of senior citizens, veterans, and adults with special needs;
- The abuse, neglect, isolation, and exploitation of senior citizens and adults with special needs;
- Public outreach and advocacy;
- Programs for the provision of services to senior citizens, veterans, and adults with special needs and methods to enhance such programs to ensure services are provided in the most appropriate setting;
- Programs that provide services and care to senior citizens in the home; thereby, allowing them to remain at home and live independently, as opposed to being placed in institutional care;
- The availability of useful information and data as needed for the State to effectively make decisions, plan budgets, and monitor costs and outcomes of services provided to senior citizens, veterans, and adults with special needs;
- Laws relating to the appointment of a guardian and the improvement of laws for the protection of senior citizens and adults with special needs who have been appointed a guardian, including the improvement of investigations relating to guardianships and systems for monitoring guardianships; and
- The improvement of facilities for long-term care in Nevada, including the following:

- Reducing the number of persons placed in facilities for long-term care located outside Nevada;
- Creating units for acute care and long-term care to treat persons suffering from dementia who exhibit behavioral problems;
- Developing alternatives to placement in facilities for long-term care, including units for long-term care located in other types of facilities and ensuring that such alternatives are available throughout Nevada for the treatment of persons with psychological needs; and
- Creating a program to provide follow-up care and track the ongoing progress of residents of facilities for long-term care.

### **PAST COMMITTEE ACTION**

At the conclusion of the 2015–2016 Interim, the Committee submitted seven of its ten allocated bill draft requests (BDRs) to the 2017 Legislative Session.

| <b>BDR</b> | <b>Summary</b>  | <b>Bill</b>                   | <b>Status</b> |
|------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 14-150     | Makes changes relating to programs for the treatment of veterans and members of the military.                                       | <a href="#"><u>SB 280</u></a> | Not Approved  |
| 38-145     | Requires the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services to employ interpreters.          | <a href="#"><u>SB 443</u></a> | Chapter 528   |
| S-147      | Makes an appropriation to the Department of Veterans Services to provide assistance and support for the Adopt a Vet Dental Program. | <a href="#"><u>SB 444</u></a> | Chapter 462   |
| S-148      | Makes an appropriation to the Eighth Judicial District Court for a Veterans Court Coordinator.                                      | <a href="#"><u>SB 445</u></a> | Chapter 463   |
| S-152      | Makes an appropriation to provide financial assistance and other support for the Meals on Wheels program.                           | <a href="#"><u>SB 446</u></a> | Not Approved  |
| 53-149     | Makes changes relating to overtime and the calculation of hours worked for certain domestic service employees.                      | <a href="#"><u>SB 468</u></a> | Chapter 580   |
| 22-146     | Enacts provisions relating to residential establishments for persons with disabilities.   | <a href="#"><u>SB 477</u></a> | Chapter 336   |

### **TENTATIVE MEETING DATES**

The Legislative Commission has allocated funds for the Committee to meet four times during the 2017–2018 Interim. Meetings will be held in Las Vegas with videoconferencing to Carson City. The Committee is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. on the following dates:

February 27, 2018    April 12, 2018    June 19, 2018    July 19, 2018

A work session will be conducted at the last Committee meeting during which members will vote to recommend that certain BDRs be submitted to the 2019 Legislative Session.

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## COMMON HEALTH CARE ACRONYMS

### A

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**ACA**—Affordable Care Act

**ACF**—Administration for Children and Families

**ACO**—Accountable Care Organization

**ADA**—Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

**ADHC**—Adult Day Health Care

**ADL**—Activities of Daily Living

**ADSD**—Aging and Disability Services Division

**AG**—Attorney General

**AGCF**—Adult Group Care Facility

**AHA**—American Hospital Association

**ALF**—Assisted Living Facility

**ALJ**—Administrative Law Judge

**AMA**—American Medical Association

**AOA**—Administration on Aging

**APA**—Administrative Procedures Act

**APD**—Advanced Planning Document

**ARRA**—American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

### B

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**BBA**—The Balanced Budget Act of 1997

**BHC**—Behavioral Health Center

**BHO**—Behavioral Health Organization

**BIA**—Bureau of Indian Affairs

**BOME**—Board of Medical Examiners

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**CAH**—Critical Access Hospital

**CAP**—Corrective Action Plan

**CBA**—Cost Benefit Analysis

**CBO**—Congressional Budget Office

**CCDBG**—Child Care Development Block Grant

**CDC**—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**CFR**—Code of Federal Regulations

**CHAP**—Child Health Assurance Program (**Welfare**)

**CHIP**—Children's Health Insurance Program or NV Check Up (**DHCFP**)

**CHIP**—Community Home-based Initiative Program (**ADSD**)

**CMS**—Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services



## COMMON HEALTH CARE ACRONYMS

**COB**—Coordination of Benefits

**CPS**—Child Protective Services ([DCFS](#))

**COBRA**—Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act

**CSBG**—Community Services Block Grant

**COLA**—Cost of Living Adjustment

**CSE**—Child Support Enforcement ([Welfare](#))

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### D

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**DA**—District Attorney

[DHCFP](#)—Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (Medicaid)

**DAG**—Deputy Attorney General

[DCFS](#)—Division of Child and Family Services

[DHHS](#)—Department of Health and Human Services

**DD**—Developmentally Disabled

**DME**—Durable Medical Equipment

**DEA**—Drug Enforcement Agency

**DRA**—The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005

[DETR](#)—Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation

[DWSS](#)—Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

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### E

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**E and P**—Eligibility and Payments ([Welfare](#))

**EPS**—Elder Protective Services ([ADSD](#))

**EBT**—Electronic Benefit Transfer

**EPSDT**—Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (Healthy Kids) ([DHCFP](#))

**EFT**—Electronic Funds Transfer

**EHB**—Essential Health Benefits ([SSHIX](#))

**EQRO**—External Quality Review Organization

**EHR**—Electronic Health Record

**ERISA**—Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974

**EITC**—Earned Income Tax Credit

**EMA**—Emergency Medicaid Assistance

**ESD**—Employment Security Division ([DETR](#))

**EOB**—Explanation of Benefits

**ESRD**—End Stage Renal Disease

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[FDA](#)—Food and Drug Administration

## COMMON HEALTH CARE ACRONYMS

**FEIN**—Federal Employee Identification Number

**FEMA**—Federal Emergency Management Agency

**FFP**—Federal Financial Participation

**FFY**—Federal Fiscal Year

**FFYQ**—Federal Fiscal Year Quarter

**FHA**—Federal Housing Administration

**FLSA**—Fair Labor Standards Act

**FMAP**—Federal Medical Assistance Percentages

**FOCIS**—Facility Outreach and Community Integration Services ([Medicaid](#))

**FPL**—Federal Poverty Level

**FQHC**—Federally Qualified Health Center

**FTE**—Full Time Equivalent

**FY**—Fiscal Year

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### G

**GAO**—General Accounting Office

**GovCHA**—Division of Consumer Health Assistance (Formerly Governor's Office of Consumer Health Assistance)

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### H

**HAWC**—Health Access Washoe County

**HCBW**—Home and Community Based Waiver ([Medicaid](#))

**HCR**—Health Care Reform

**HHA**—Home Health Agency/Home Health Aide

**HIE**—Health Information Exchange

**HIFA**—Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability ([Medicaid](#))

**HIPAA**—Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

**HIT**—Health Information Technology

**HIWA**—Health Insurance for Work Advancement ([Medicaid](#))

**HMO**—Health Maintenance Organization

**HRSA**—Health Resources and Services Administration

**HUD**—Housing and Urban Development

## COMMON HEALTH CARE ACRONYMS

### I

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**ICF-MR**—Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded ([Medicaid](#))

**INR**—Investigations and Recovery ([Welfare](#))

**IDT**—Interdisciplinary Team

**IRB**—Institutional Review Board

**IHS**—Indian Health Services

**ITC**—Inter-Tribal Council

### J

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**JCAHO**—Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

### K

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**KFF**—Kaiser Family Foundation

Katie Beckett ([Medicaid](#))

### L

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**LCSW**—Licensed Clinical Social Worker

**LOS**—Length of Stay

**LIHEA**—Low Income Home Energy Assistance

**LTC**—Long-Term Care

**LOC**—Level of Care

**LTD**—Long-Term Disability

### M

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**M+CO**—Medicare Plus Choice Organization

**MDS**—Minimum Data Set

**MA**—Medical Assistance

**MER**—Medicaid Estate Recovery Program ([Medicaid](#))

**MAABD**—Medical Assistance to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled ([Welfare](#))

**MFCU**—Medicaid Fraud Control Unit ([AG](#))

**MCH**—Maternal and Child Health ([Health](#))

**MFT**—Marriage and Family Therapist

**MCO**—Managed Care Organization

**MHDS**—Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services

**MDT**—Multi-Disciplinary Team

## COMMON HEALTH CARE ACRONYMS

**MI**—Medically Indigent

**MR**—Medical Review

**MOE**—Maintenance of Effort

**MRI**—Magnetic Resonance Imaging

**MOU**—Memorandum of Understanding

**MRT**—Medical Review Team

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**NACO**—Nevada Association of Counties

**NOI**—Notice of Intent

**NET**—Non-Emergency Transport

**NOMADS**—Nevada Operations of  
Multi-Automated Data Systems (Welfare  
Eligibility System)

**NF**—Nursing Facility

**NGA**—National Governors Association

**NP**—Nurse Practitioner

**NHQR**—Nevada Healthcare Quality Report

**NPRM**—Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

**NOD**—Notice Of Decision

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**OBRA**—Omnibus Budget Reconciliation  
Act

**OMH**—Office of Minority Health ([DHHS](#))

**OIG**—Office of the Inspector General

**OT**—Occupational Therapy

**Olmstead Act**—Supreme Court decision  
regarding deinstitutionalization of  
individuals with disabilities

**OTC**—Over the Counter

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**PA**—Public Assistance or Physician's  
Assistant

**PCA**—Personal Care Aide/Attendant

**PACE**—Program for All-Inclusive Care for  
the Elderly

**PCCM**—Primary Care Case Management

**PCN**—Primary Care Network

**PAR**—Prior Authorization Request

**PCP**—Primary Care Provider

**PASRR**—Pre-Admission Screening and  
Resident Review

[PERS](#)—Public Employees' Retirement  
System

## COMMON HEALTH CARE ACRONYMS

**PL**—Patient Liability

**PPD**—Permanent and Partial Disability

**PMPM**—Per Member Per Month

**PPO**—Preferred Provider Organization

**POS**—Point of Sale or Purchase of Service

**PT**—Physical Therapy

**PPACA**—Patient Protection and Affordable  
Care Act

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### Q

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**QA**—Quality Assurance

**QHP**—Qualified Health Plan

**QC**—Quality Control

**QMB**—Qualified Medicare Beneficiary

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### R

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**RA**—Remittance Advice

**RHC**—Rural Health Center

**RD**—Redetermination of Eligibility

**RSDI**—Retirement, Survivors and  
Disability Insurance ([SSA](#))

**RFP**—Request for Proposal

**RTC**—Residential Treatment Center

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### S

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[SAMHSA](#)—Substance Abuse and Mental  
Health Services Administration

**SLMB**—Special Low-Income Medicare  
Beneficiary

**SAPTA**—Substance Abuse Prevention  
Treatment Agency ([MHDS](#))

**SNF**—Skilled Nursing Facility

**SED**—Seriously Emotionally Disturbed

[SSA](#)—Social Security Administration or Act

**SERT**—Senior Evidence Review Team  
([ADSD](#))

**SSBG**—Social Services Block Grant

**SFY**—State Fiscal Year

**SSD**—Social Security Disability

**SH**—Subsidized Housing

**SSI**—Supplemental Security Income

**SHOP**—Small Business Health Options  
Program

**SSN**—Social Security Number

**SSHIX**—Silver State Health Insurance  
Exchange

## COMMON HEALTH CARE ACRONYMS

**SUR**—Surveillance and Utilization Review  
([Medicaid](#))

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### T

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**TANF**—Temporary Assistance to Needy Families ([Welfare](#))

**TPA**—Third Party Administrator

**TPL**—Third Party Liability

**TCM**—Targeted Case Management

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### U

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**UCC**—Usual and Customary Charge

**UPL**—Upper Payment Limit

**UIB**—Unemployment Insurance Benefits

**UR**—Utilization Review

**UMC**—University Medical Center

**USDA**—United States Department of Agriculture

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**VA**—Veterans Administration

**VS**—Vital Statistics

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### W

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**WIC**—Women, Infants and Children  
([Health](#))

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**XIX**—Medicaid Program ([SSA](#))\*

**XXI**—Children's Health Insurance Program\*

**XX**—Social Services Block Grant ([SSA](#))\*

\*The Roman numerals refer to the titles of the federal Social Security Act.