

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Senator Justin Jones, Chair, and Members of the Legislative Committee on Health Care

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SUBJECT: Activities and Responsibilities of the Legislative Committee on Health Care

Following is a brief overview of the activities and responsibilities of the Legislative Committee on Health Care (LCHC). This document coincides with Agenda Item Number III for the November 21, 2013, meeting of the LCHC.

HISTORY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

The primary responsibilities of the LCHC are established pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 439B.220 through 439B.240. These responsibilities include reviewing and evaluating the quality and effectiveness of programs for the prevention of illness, reviewing and comparing the costs of medical care among communities in Nevada with similar communities in other states, and analyzing the overall system of medical care in the State. In addition, members strive to avoid duplication of services and achieve the most efficient use of all available resources. The LCHC also may review health insurance issues, and may examine hospital-related issues, medical malpractice issues, and the health education system. Additionally, pursuant to NRS 439B.225, the LCHC is responsible for reviewing certain health care regulations.

As a brief history, the LCHC was established in 1987 to address escalating health care costs. Since that time, the LCHC has addressed a variety of issues including health care cost containment, access to care for the uninsured, Medicaid, managed care, the rural health delivery system, public health preparedness, and a host of other health-related issues.

MANDATED REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

In addition to the statutory requirements previously indicated, certain entities are required to submit reports to the LCHC. A list of all of the reports that have been submitted during 2011-2013 is available on the Nevada Legislature's website, [Reports Submitted to the Nevada Legislature Page](#).

OTHER ISSUES FOR THE 2013-2014 INTERIM

The 2013 Legislature also passed the following pieces of legislation, which direct the Committee to review certain issues and reports:

1. Child abuse or neglect, review of laws, duties, [AB 155](#)

This bill requires the Legislative Committee on Health Care to review, after each regular session, any chapter added to title 39, 40 or 54 of NRS that authorizes or requires the issuance of a license, permit or certificate to a person who provides any service related to health care to determine if the person should be required to report the abuse or neglect of a child. The Committee is required to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report concerning its findings, and must include any recommended legislation.

2. Federally qualified health centers, duties, [SB 448](#)

This bill instructs the Legislative Committee on Health Care to consider methods to promote federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics as part of its review of health care during the 2013-2015 legislative interim and to submit a report to the next session of the Legislature with any recommendations for legislation.

3. Fraud under Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program, duties, [AB 221](#)

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is required to issue a request for information to determine the availability and cost of technology, data verification and resources to assist the Department in reducing waste, fraud and abuse under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. The Director is required to review the responses to the request for information and to submit a report of the responses to the Legislative Committee on Health Care. The Legislative Committee on Health Care is required to consider the report and make any appropriate recommendations to DHHS.

4. Newborns with congenital heart disease, study, duties, [SB 92](#)

The Health Division is authorized to facilitate the study of certain information related to pulse oximetry screening. If a study is conducted, the Division is required to submit a

report containing the results of the study to the Legislative Committee on Health Care and the Legislative Commission. The Legislative Committee on Health Care is required to use the report to formulate recommendations concerning the implementation of certain pulse oximetry screening requirements.

5. Dental and health insurance issues, [SB 318](#)

The Commissioner of Insurance is required to conduct a study concerning claims, coverage and payments under policies of dental and health insurance and report back to the Legislative Committee on Health Care.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The Research Division is available to assist the Committee and its members on any issue related to matters before the Committee. In addition, the Research Division provides information and assistance on a confidential basis to individual members of the Legislature, on any topic.

The Research Division is located on the first floor of the Sedway Office Building (telephone: 775/684-6825) and also maintains an office in Room 1122 of the Legislative Building. Please do not hesitate to ask for assistance. You may also contact me via electronic mail at mlyons@lcb.state.nv.us.

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The following section provides information about key State, county, local, and various nonprofit organizations that frequently appear before the Legislative Committee on Health Care. The list is not intended to be exhaustive.

More detailed information on State and local government agencies is available through the Directory of State and Local Government, which is available at the back of the 2013 *Nevada Legislative Manual* and online at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Publications/index.cfm>.

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