



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND POLICY

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The Governor proposes adding the following language to SB 435 to amend NRS 422.37945 to limit the Division to using no more than 15 percent of the total revenue collected annually from a private hospital assessment for the Division's administrative costs for operating the new hospital assessment and associated payment programs under NRS 422.37945. The amendment also provides that any remaining monies collected by the Division for administrative purposes shall be reserved by the Division to fund services and supports that improve access to behavioral health care services in the community for recipients with psychiatric and serious behavioral health conditions, including conditions affecting children. This reduces the unnecessary burden on hospital emergency rooms and inpatient settings with respect to caring for this population due to the lack of community options for services. It also reduces costs to the Nevada Medicaid program for unnecessary services provided in high-cost settings.

Amendment:

(1) For assessments established on privately owned operating groups licensed as hospitals or rural hospitals, the Division must include information in the poll under NRS 422.3794 for the collection of no more than 15 percent of the total revenue from the assessment each year to administer the provisions referenced in NRS 422.37945(3)(c). Notwithstanding NRS 422.37945, any remaining money collected for administrative purposes shall be reserved by the Division to be used to fund additional supports and services in Medicaid, as approved by the Director, to improve access to behavioral health care for recipients with serious behavioral health conditions and psychiatric disorders in order to reduce the burden on the emergency and inpatient hospital system in the state of Nevada. The Director shall seek all necessary federal authority to capture all available federal funds to support the services and activities described in this subsection.