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STATE OF NEVADA }
COUNTY OF WASHOE } ss.

DOROTHY YOCOM

being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That she is the legal clerk of THE RENO EVENING GAZETTE, a daily newspaper published at Reno, in Washoe County, in the State of Nevada.

That the notice BILL 242


.....
of which a copy is hereto attached, was first published in said newspaper in its issue dated the ..9... day of May, 19 70 and
..... May 16

the full period of 2 days, the last publication thereof being in the issue dated the 16 day of May, 19 70

Signed *Dorothy Yocom*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
..... 16 day of May, 19 70

Richard J. Taylor
Notary Public.

 RICHARD J. TAYLOR
Notary Public — State of Nevada
Washoe County
My Commission Expires Jan. 22, 1971

NOTICE OF COUNTY ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that Bill No. 242, Ordinance No. 68, entitled "An Ordinance creating a County Department of Welfare; setting up an advisory board, defining the duties of the advisory board, providing for the appointment of a Welfare Director and defining the duties of the Welfare Director, providing standards for eligibility for County medical care," was adopted on May 5, 1970, by Commissioners Cunningham, Sauer, McKissick, McKenzie, and Coppa, all voting aye.

Typewritten copies of the Ordinance are available for inspection by all interested persons at the office of the County Clerk.

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H. K. Brown
H. K. Brown, County Clerk

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SUMMARY - AMENDS ORDINANCE 68 TO ADD STANDARDS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDICAL CARE UNDER THE COUNTY WELFARE SYSTEM.

BILL NO. 242

ORDINANCE NO. 68 (as amended)

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE; SETTING UP AN ADVISORY BOARD, DEFINING THE DUTIES OF THE ADVISORY BOARD, PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A WELFARE DIRECTOR AND DEFINING THE DUTIES OF THE WELFARE DIRECTOR, PROVIDING STANDARDS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR COUNTY MEDICAL CARE.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WASHOE DO ORDAIN;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provision of NRS 450.420 as amended by Chapter 498, Statutes of Nevada, 1969, the County of Washoe is required to establish criteria and procedures for the determination of patient eligibility for County medical care.

THEREFORE, Ordinance 68 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following provisions:

ARTICLE 6 ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDICAL CARE

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY.

- 1. GENERAL. A person is eligible or partially eligible for county medical care if:
 - (a) He is in need of medical care, and
 - (b) Does not have sufficient funds, as determined in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, to pay for all or part of his medical care, and
 - (c) Is not eligible for a state or federal medical care program.
- 2. INCOME TEST. A person does not have sufficient funds if his average net monthly income and number of persons dependent upon that income are as set forth in the following schedule:

<u>No. of Persons Dependent Upon Income of Patient or Responsible Relative (including Patient or Responsible Relative)</u>	<u>Schedule of Monthly Net Income</u>
1	Less than \$250
2	\$250 but less than \$300
3	\$300 but less than \$350
4	\$350 but less than \$400
5	\$400 but less than \$450
6	\$450 but less than \$500

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7	\$500 but less than \$550
8	\$550 but less than \$600

For each additional person over 8 there shall be added \$50 to the above limit of income.

3. COMPUTATION OF INCOME. For the purpose of the foregoing table, net monthly income shall be determined after the following deductions:

- (a) Existing medical and hospital bills.
- (b) Purchase of prosthetic devices prescribed by a physician but not limited to braces, supports, garments, shoes and similar items.
- (c) Medical and hospital insurance premiums.
- (d) The cost of living away from home for any member of the family due to illness, to be allowed on an individual basis and calculated upon the difference between the cost so incurred and the cost which would have been incurred if the person remained at home.
- (e) Alimony and child support, provided that such payment is paid to a person not included as one of the "persons dependent on income of patient or responsible relative" in the above table.
- (f) Funeral expenses not to exceed \$500 for any one funeral, such expenses to be pro-rated over a period of one year.
- (g) Cost of payments made to others for care of children where necessary to maintain income.
- (h) Necessary expenses of employment, such as transportation and union dues.
- (i) Involuntary deductions from income, such as income tax, social security contributions, and retirement fund payments.
- (j) For self-employed persons, deductions of expenses incurred in the conduct of business as allowed by Federal income tax laws.

4. OTHER FACTORS. Even if a person does not meet the income test, he may be eligible or partially eligible if it is determined by the Director that he does not have sufficient funds to pay for all or part of his medical care by reason of the following other factors:

- (a) Nature of the disability.
- (b) Estimated length of hospitalization.
- (c) Estimated elapsed time before employed person may return to work.
- (d) Effect of the disability, if any, on future income production.

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5. PROPERTY. Even if a person does meet other tests for eligibility, he may be ineligible, or may be only partially eligible, if he owns property, except that he may:

- (a) Own a personally occupied residence having an assessed valuation not in excess of the amount to be set forth in the rules and regulations to be adopted pursuant to Section 4 of this Ordinance.
- (b) Own personal property with a quick sale or cash value not in excess of the amount to be set forth in the rules and regulations to be adopted pursuant to Section 4 of this Ordinance.
- (c) As herein provided, a lien in favor of the Welfare Department on real property so owned by the person may be imposed as a condition to certification of an applicant for medical care at county expense.

SECTION 2. EXTENT OF COUNTY MEDICAL CARE.

- 1. GENERAL. Medical care shall be rendered to eligible and partially eligible persons to the extent and subject to the conditions set forth in this section.
- 2. EXTENT. Medical care as is necessary for the health and safety of an eligible person shall be provided at Washoe Medical Center, and may be rendered at places other than Washoe Medical Center only upon approval of the Welfare Department.
- 3. REIMBURSEMENT. As a condition of such care an eligible or partially eligible person shall reimburse the County of Washoe in accordance with the following rules:
 - (a) The applicant or other responsible party will be required to reimburse the Welfare Department for that portion of the medical expenses that fall within his financial ability.
 - (b) If a person who has received care acquires property or otherwise ceases to be eligible or becomes only partially eligible, the cost of care shall be a charge against him to the extent such cost exceeds his eligibility.
 - (c) The County shall render to a person who has been provided care in a county hospital a statement setting forth the charges upon which its claim for reimbursement is based.
 - (d) No interest or carrying charge shall be charged in connection with any debt incurred for county hospital care.
- 4. LIENS.
 - (a) If it is determined by the Welfare Department to be in the best interest of the county, a lien against the property of the Patient or Responsible Relative may be required.

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- (b) Such a lien shall not be enforced against the home of the eligible person or his responsible relative:
 - (1) During his lifetime or that of his spouse.
 - (2) During the minority of his children if they reside in the home.
 - (3) During the lifetime of any dependent adult child who resides in the home and who is incapable of self-support because of mental or physical disability.
- (c) Any lien taken by the county for county hospital care shall be released immediately when the amount owing the county for that care is paid.
- (d) If a person against whose home a lien has been imposed for county hospital care desires to acquire a different home, the county may release its lien against the original home and transfer it to the new home if its security will not thereby be impaired.
- (e) If the person desires to borrow money for the purpose of making improvements to his home, using his home for security, the county may subordinate its lien to the mortgage or other security interest given for the loan if its security will not thereby be impaired.

5. RESPONSIBLE RELATIVES.

- (a) The cost of care rendered to a person is a charge against the responsible relative of that person in accordance with the following rules.
- (b) A responsible relative is a spouse, parent, adult children and adult brothers and sisters of that person to whom aid is rendered.
- (c) The cost of such care shall not be a charge against a responsible relative who is a recipient of public assistance or is eligible for a federal or state medical care program.

6. INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS. If the Director deems it appropriate, a person against whom the cost of care is a charge may pay in installments in such amounts and at such intervals as approved by the Director except that the term of such installment arrangement shall not exceed three years.

SECTION 3. FRAUD

In cases where it appears the applicant or responsible relative has conveyed away substantial property prior to application or any time thereafter, the Welfare Department shall determine as soon as possible whether such transfer was for a fair and adequate consideration, and whether or not the transfer in effect makes the person a public charge. In such a case, the County

may then proceed against responsible relatives or other parties involved to recover the expenses incurred by the County.

SECTION 4. RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Welfare Department shall have the duty and the right to establish such other rules and regulations, or to amend existing rules and regulations, as it may from time to time find necessary in order to give the provisions of this ordinance full force and effect. Such new rules and regulations shall have the force and effect of law when their adoption is ordered by the Commissioners and placed on file with the Clerk thereof.

Proposed on the 15th day of April, 1970.

Proposed by Commissioner McKissick

Passed on the 5th day of MAY, 1970.

Vote:

Ayes: Commissioners CUNNINGHAM, SAUER, MCKISSICK, MCKENZIE, COPPA

Nays: Commissioners NONE

Absent: Commissioners NONE
[Signature]
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

[Signature]
County Clerk

This Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after the 16th day of May, 1970.

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