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ADSD's Legislative Summary Report to the Governor for 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature, 2021

AB35, which revises provisions governing the administration of certain programs to assist seniors and persons with disabilities with costs relating to health care and pharmaceutical services, was supported by Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) to provide some clean up language, consolidate the Senior Prescription program and the Disability Prescription program and remove lengthy income and eligibility requirements. This bill will also align definitions of senior and persons with a disability with NRS 427. In addition, AB 35 provides more flexibility to the division to oversee program administration to ensure the program is meeting the community needs. There is no fiscal impact associated with this legislation.

AB190, is a bill that the Commission on Aging was involved in supporting. This bill is for the private sector and provides certain employees with the right to use sick leave to assist certain family members with medical needs. An employee will now be able to use sick leave to assist a member of the employee's immediate family with certain medical needs. There is no direct impact to ADSD, but this bill will benefit the population that we serve by providing additional access to caregiving by immediate family members which will help ensure adults have uninterrupted access to medical care and will reduce the likelihood of institutionalization.

AB344, authorizes the establishment of a program to facilitate transition of the care of older persons and persons with disabilities being discharged from a hospital to their place of residence. Hospital discharge staff and the ADSD case managers and other community-based providers will facilitate health care and social services to support the older adult or vulnerable person in their own home. In addition, this bill helps to promote community services and opportunities for older adults and vulnerable persons to live in their own home in their community. There is no fiscal impact associated with this legislation.

SB96, makes various changes relating to services provided to persons with autism spectrum disorders. With the passage of this bill, ADSD is hopeful that additional providers would be attracted

to the rate increase. This bill increased certain reimbursement rates under the Autism Treatment Assistance Program for a registered behavior technician to \$52 an hour. SB96 has a fiscal impact of \$306,501 in fiscal year 2022 and \$613,002 in fiscal year 2023.

SB179, this bill will revise provisions relating to sign language interpreting and real-time captioning. The intent of this bill is to increase the quality of sign language interpreting services throughout Nevada, provide a pathway for interpreters to achieve required credentialing standards, and provide standard qualifications for mentors. This bill will also remove classification specific language to align with other NRS language and to establish specific classifications and requirements by regulation. By passing this bill, it will align Nevada with the 29 other states that regulate the qualifications of sign language interpreters through registration or licensure as consumer protection. There is no fiscal impact associated with this legislation.