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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE
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**PROPOSALS RELATING TO AUTISM TREATMENT AND
SERVICES IN NEVADA**

- 18. Draft a Letter to the DHHS encouraging the Department to:**
- a. Develop mechanisms to provide readily available access to the Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddler screenings that assess risk for autism spectrum disorder in rural Nevada and a mobile diagnostic clinic for those who have red flags identified by the screenings. In rural Nevada, accessing a diagnostic evaluation is a significant barrier to treatment.**

 - b. Allow Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP) funds to be used to support diagnostic clinics across rural Nevada, if it is determined to be feasible and appropriate.**

(Recommendation Nos. 18a and 18b proposed by Korri Ward, B.S., Founder and President, Northern Nevada Autism Network)

- 19. Revise the following provisions of NRS related to autism services and insurance coverage:**
- a. Remove the requirement that autism behavior interventionists be certified by the Board of Psychological Examiners. Instead, autism behavior interventionists will continue to work under the supervision of a licensed and Board Certified Behavior Analyst or a Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst but without their own certification.**

 - b. Remove the requirement that an autism behavior interventionist be certified as a condition to insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders.**

 - c. Remove statutory limitation of \$36,000 per year for applied behavior analysis treatment for consistency with the Affordable Care Act.**

(Recommendation Nos. 18c, 18d, and 19 proposed by Barbara Buckley, Esq. Executive Director, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, Jan Crandy, Chair, Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders, DHHS, and Korri Ward, B.S., Founder and President, Northern Nevada Autism Network)