STATE/TERRITORY: NEVADA

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

METHOD FOR DETERMINING COST EFFECTIVENESS OF CARING FOR CERTAIN DISABLED CHILDREN AT HOME (KATIE BECKETT)

At the end of each calendar quarter, a computerized list of approved Katie Beckett Eligibility Option cases is generated by the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) staff. The list shows the total Medicaid expenditure amount incurred quarterly which is compared to the maximum allowable costs. The maximum allowable costs are the costs of institutionalization in either a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), or an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/ID), which is determined by a level of care assessment. If the amount exceeds the maximum allowable, the Case Manager at the appropriate DHCFP office notifies the participant and advises him/her: 1) of the requirement to keep costs at or below the maximum allowable amount; and 2) that failure to keep costs to allowable amounts will result in termination from the program. If the participant's incurred costs exceed the maximum allowable amount for two consecutive quarters, he/she will be terminated from the program requirements.

A level of care assessment is conducted annually; therefore, allowable costs may fluctuate annually based on the individual recipient's Level of Care (LOC).