



May 27, 2025

Hon. Elaine H. Marzola, Chair

Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor
Nevada Legislature
401 S. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Support for SB344

Chair Marzola and Members of the Committee:

Quest Diagnostics is among the world's leading providers of diagnostic information services with a purpose to create a healthier world, one life at a time. The work we do has a profound impact on patients. Diagnostic testing drives 70% of healthcare decisions. We serve one in three adult Americans and about half of the physicians and hospitals in the United States annually. We have over 7,400 patient access points, including phlebotomists in physician offices and 2,000 patient service centers. As a long-standing Nevada Medicaid Provider, we are committed to powering access to affordable healthcare which helps solve inequities and find ways to make communities healthier.

I am writing to express Quest's strong support for Senate Bill 344. We firmly believe that expanding coverage for non-invasive prenatal testing (NIPT) will have a profound positive impact on the health and well-being of mothers and their babies in Nevada, while also reducing unnecessary medical risks and costs.

NIPT is the most sensitive and specific test for the common fetal aneuploidies. NIPT, which analyzes small fragments of fetal DNA in the mother's blood, has been proven to be highly accurate in screening for conditions such as Down syndrome, trisomy 18, and trisomy 13.

By providing broader access, we not only improve the overall healthcare experience for pregnant women, but we also empower them with the information they need to make informed decisions about their pregnancies. Early detection of potential health issues can lead to earlier interventions and better outcomes. The ability to provide early and reliable results without the need for invasive procedures is invaluable for both expectant mothers and healthcare providers.

Expanding coverage for NIPT is a critical step toward improving maternal and fetal health and advancing health equity for pregnant women. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. We are hopeful that you will consider the positive impact this legislation could have on the lives of Nevada families.

Sincerely,
Mark Machulcz
President, West Region, Quest Diagnostics