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**LOBBYING REPORT**

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name <u>Valerie Wilbur - the Wilbur Group</u>			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported <u>801 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW #245, Washington DC</u>			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____			
4. Contact Name <u>Valerie Wilbur</u>	Telephone <u>202-624-1508</u>	E-mail (optional) <u>vswilbur@nhpg.org</u>	5. Senate ID # <u>50216-26</u>
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self <u>Health Plan of Nevada</u>			6. House ID # <u>34676</u>

**TYPE OF REPORT** 8. Year 2004 Midyear (January 1-June 30)  OR Year End (July 1-Dec)

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report

10. Check if this is a Termination Report  ⇒ Termination Date 12/31/04

11. No Lobbyin

**INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13**

**12. Lobbying Firms**  
INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:  
Less than \$10,000   
\$10,000 or more  ⇒ \$ 17,000  
Income (nearest \$20,000)  
Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

**13. Organizations**  
EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this re period were:  
Less than \$10,000   
\$10,000 or more  ⇒ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Expenses (nearest \$20,000)  
**14. REPORTING METHOD.** Check box to indica accounting method. See instructions for description ( )  
 Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA defin  
 Method B. Reporting amounts under section 60 Internal Revenue Code  
 Method C. Reporting amounts under section 16 Internal Revenue Code

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Signature Valerie Wilbur  
Valerie Wilbur, Principal Ph

Registrant Name The Willmar Group Client Name Health Plan of Nevada

**LOBBYING ACTIVITY.** Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the reg engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code MMM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

See attached

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted

Check if None

See attached

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
<u>Valerie Willmer</u>	

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above

Check if None

Signature [Handwritten Signature] Date 2/13/05

Printed Name and Title Valerie Willmer, Vice President

Principal

**Registrant:** The Wilbur Group

**Client:** Health Plan of Nevada

## **16. Specific Lobbying Activities**

### **Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) Regulations (Public Law 108-173); Section 231, Medicare Advantage Plans for Special Needs Individuals (42 CFR, Parts 417, 422, 423)**

Worked with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on drafting regulations governing the Medicare Modernization Act (Public Law 108-173), with a special focus on Section 231 relating to Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plans (SNPs) for Special Needs Individuals. Developed recommendations in relation to the Draft Interim Regulations regarding SNPs, with a special focus on:

- Definitions of special needs plans that disproportionately serve special needs beneficiaries
- Definitions of special needs individuals with severe or disabling chronic conditions and of institutionalized beneficiaries;
- Bidding procedures for demonstrations serving high-risk beneficiaries;
- Rules pertaining to standard MA plans or demos transitioning to SNP status;
- Recommendations for enhancing payment for SNPs and refining performance evaluation methods and quality indicators to better account for plan performance in relation to the unique needs of high-risk individuals.

Also corresponded with CMS to encourage authority for one final extension of Social HMO waiver authority through 2007, consistent with the phase-in period for the new MA risk adjustment payment system

Also discussed the potential for Medicaid reform with selected Congressional staff to encourage attention to the need for better coordination between the Medicare and Medicaid programs for dually eligible beneficiaries.

## **17. Houses of Congress and Federal Agencies Contacted**

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
United States Senate  
United States House of Representatives

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