

Nev. fires Xerox, joins federal health exchange

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Nevada will abandon its state-run health exchange, sever ties with software contractor Xerox and switch to the federal system for one year to enroll its residents in health care, a state board voted Tuesday.

The Silver State Exchange's board of directors proclaimed it had "no confidence" in staying with Xerox, citing the company's inability to fix 1,500 technical glitches in the current exchange. Xerox had a \$75 million contract with the state and has spent \$12 million of that money, according to the state.

Xerox executives testified at the May 20 meeting and lobbied the board to keep the company on the project. But they did not sway the decision.

"The current system is intolerable and is not the best we can do," said Lynn Etkins, the board's vice chair.

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