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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Division of Public and Behavioral Health will hold a public workshop to consider amendments to [Nevada Administrative Code \(NAC\) Chapter 449](#) and [LCB File R016-20](#).

The workshop will be conducted in person and online beginning at 9 A.M. on Nov. 14, 2023, at the following locations:

- [Click here to join the meeting](#)
 - Meeting ID: 216 709 253 69
Passcode: qzNhdL
- To join by phone: Call 775-321-6111 (phone conference ID 944 525 619#)
- Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance, 4220 S. Maryland Parkway Building A Suite 100, Las Vegas, NV 89119

This workshop will be conducted in accordance with NRS 241.020, Nevada's Open Meeting Law.

AGENDA

1. Introduction of workshop process
2. Public comment on proposed amendments to NAC Chapter 449.
3. General Public Comment

Since 2019, NRS 449.103 has required health care facilities licensed in accordance with this chapter to provide training, so that employees may better understand patients or residents who have different cultural backgrounds. This cultural competency training (CCT) must be provided through a course or program that is approved by the Department of Health and Human Services. NRS 449.103 also authorizes the Board of Health to adopt regulations regarding CCT. Regulations were adopted in LCB File R016-20. In the 2023 legislative session, [Assembly Bill 267](#) required changes to these regulations, in order to ensure efficient approval of CCT courses. Pursuant to the modifications to NRS 449.103, the Department of Health and Human Services has generated an initial agency draft of CCT regulations to replace those found in LCB File R016-20. The proposed changes will revise NAC Chapter 449 and LCB File R016-20 and are being proposed in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 449.103 as modified by AB 267 of the 2023 legislative session.

The Department's intent with this initial agency draft was as follows:

- Brings the CCT regulations in compliance with AB 267 of the 2023 legislative session.
- Reduce burden on health care facilities by generating CCT regulations with minimal standards described in AB 267.
- Align requirements for review, approval, or rejection of CCT course submissions within 10 days of receipt, in accordance with AB 267.

- Eliminate the requirement for health facilities to report the specific CCT course the facility will use to educate its employees.
- Retain the necessity for inclusion of the statutory topics identified in NRS 449.103.
- Reduce burdens on facilities by establishing new timing from initial employment to receipt of CCT.
- Establish periodicity and a minimum number of hours of CCT that has some alignment with professional licensure Board requirements established in AB 267.

Members of the public may make oral comments at this meeting. Persons wishing to submit written testimony or documentary evidence may submit the material to Paul Shubert, chief of the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance, at the following address:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
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Members of the public who require special accommodations or assistance at the workshops are required to notify Paul Shubert in writing at the address, phone, fax, or email identified above at least five (5) working days prior to the date of the public workshop.

For further information on the proposed regulations or how to obtain copies of the supporting documents, contact Paul Shubert by calling 702-668-3270.

A copy of the notice and the proposed regulations are on file for inspection and/or may be copied at the following locations during normal business hours:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health 727 Fairview Drive, Suite E Carson City, NV 89701	Division of Public and Behavioral Health 4220 S. Maryland Parkway, Bldg. A, Suite 100 Las Vegas, NV 89119	Nevada State Library and Archives 100 Stewart Street Carson City, NV 89701
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A copy of the regulations and small business impact statement can be found on the Division of Public and Behavioral Health's web page linked here:

https://dphh.nv.gov/Reg/HealthFacilities/State_of_Nevada_Health_Facility_Regulation_Public_Workshops/

A copy of the public workshop notice can also be found at Nevada Legislature's web page:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/>

A copy of this notice has been posted at the following locations:

1. Division of Public and Behavioral Health, 4150 Technology Way, First Floor Lobby, Carson City, NV 89706

Copies may be obtained in person, by mail, or by calling the Division of Public and Behavioral Health at 702-668-3270.

Per NRS 233B.064(2), upon adoption of any regulations, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either prior to adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.