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## NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION NEWS RELEASE

### Nevada State Health Division Announces Issuance of Additional Endorsements to Two Southern Nevada Hospitals

*Carson City* – The Nevada State Health Division is announcing that Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center has been issued provisional licensure to provide trauma treatment care, beginning Wednesday, February 9, 2005. The provisional licensure will be in effect until December 31, 2005. Additionally, University Medical Center (UMC) received its renewal of designation as a Level I Trauma Center, which expires February 1, 2008.

“Sunrise Hospital has met all of the requirements in order to be issued the provisional licensure,” said Alex Haartz, Administrator, Nevada State Health Division. “I am pleased that enhanced trauma treatment capacity and services are available for the residents and visitors of Clark County. Prior to receiving a designation as a trauma center by the Nevada State Health Division, Sunrise Hospital is required to seek verification for the treatment of trauma care from the American College of Surgeons (ACS). Once the verification inspection is completed, ACS will make its recommendation to the Nevada State Health Division regarding Sunrise Hospital’s trauma designation.”

Haartz added, “I am also grateful of UMC’s continued service as Clark County’s Level I Trauma Center and their leadership role in establishing and implementing the county’s trauma system. Dr. Kwalick, Chief Health Officer and Clark County Health District also deserve a lot of credit for their efforts in managing the development of destination and transportation protocols.”

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