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Director of the Department of Health and Human Services Appoints New State Health Officer

(Carson City) – Health and Human Services Director Mike Willden today announced the appointment of Tracey Green, MD as the new Nevada State Health Officer.

Dr. Green is a board certified family physician and an associate professor at the University of Nevada School of Medicine. Her public health experience is wide ranging and includes serving as the Medical Director for the division's Frontier and Rural Health program, the Medical Director for the division's Women's Health Connection, and the Medical Supervisor of Nursing for the division's Sexually Transmitted Disease program.

"I look forward to beginning a new chapter in my life as the State Health Officer," Dr. Green said. "I have been working in public health for years, as well as providing medical care as a private provider in Reno. Now, more than ever, public health is experiencing extreme challenges and I am devoted to serve the residents and visitors in Nevada, helping to ensure that illness is prevented whenever possible and disease outbreaks are detected as quickly as possible."

Dr. Green began her education at the University of Nevada, Reno, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Biology. She then received her Doctor of Medicine from the University of Nevada's School of Medicine and completed her residency in family practice at the Altoona Hospital-Hershey Medical Center, in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

"I am pleased that Dr. Green has agreed to be the State Health Officer," Willden said. "She brings a wealth of experience, both as a health care provider and in public health. She will be an asset to the state and its residents."

Former State Health Officer, Dr. Mary Guinan, served in this position since April 1, 2008. She will continue to work for the Health Division, focusing on critical issues regarding infectious disease outbreaks in health facilities. This includes developing a training tool that will be used to educate facility staff, residents, and inspectors (surveyors) to reduce the occurrence of disease outbreaks.

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“We were extremely fortunate to have had Dr. Mary Guinan serve as the State Health Officer during a very difficult time,” said Health Division Administrator Richard Whitely. “We are fortunate that Dr. Guinan will continue to work with the division, focusing her expertise on infection control and infectious disease outbreaks. I cannot thank her enough for her leadership and guidance.”

The Health Division’s Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance has received approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to utilize the Civil Money Penalty Funds to support Dr. Guinan’s efforts regarding infectious disease outbreaks in health facilities, such as skilled nursing facilities.

For more information about the Nevada State Health Division, go to: <http://health.nv.gov>.

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