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NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION NEWS RELEASE

Governor Signs Senate Bill 419 into Law, Marking the State's Continued Commitment to Improving Patient Safety

Carson City – Yesterday, Nevada Governor, Brian Sandoval, signed Senate Bill 419 (SB419) into law. Senate Bill 419 requires certain healthcare professionals, as a condition for issuance or renewal of a license, registration or certificate to attest to knowledge of and compliance with the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention concerning the prevention of transmission of infectious agents through safe and appropriate injection practices. In addition, a physician shall attest that any person, who is under the control and supervision of the physician; who is not licensed pursuant to the applicable Nevada Revised Statutes; and whose duties involve injection practices, has knowledge of and is in compliance with the same guidelines. The new law takes effect on October 1, 2011.

The full history and text of the bill can be found on the Nevada State Legislature's website at: www.leg.state.nv.us.

State Health Officer, Dr. Tracey D. Green said, "What is really great is that materials have already been developed and are available now to assist Nevada's healthcare professionals to comply with the provisions of the new law." A *free* online safe injection practices training module was developed by the Southern Nevada Health District and offers continuing education credits for several different health fields. In addition, through the One and Only Campaign, health professionals and patients have access to *free* education materials that have been developed to assist with training and increasing knowledge about safe injection practices. The educational materials are available on the One and Only Campaign's website and may be downloaded or copies ordered online at www.OneandOnlyCampaign.org. The online Safe Injection Practices Training Program can be accessed at www.nevadacme.com.

For more information on the materials and to learn more about the Nevada One and Only Safe Injection Campaign visit their web site at www.oneandonlycampaign.org or call the Campaign's Director at (775) 684-1043.

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