

SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT 2018

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC 450B

The Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) has determined that the proposed amendments should not have any adverse effect upon a small business or negatively impact the formation, operation or expansion of a small business in Nevada.

A small business is defined in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 233B as a "business conducted for profit which employs fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees."

This small business impact statement is made pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 (3) and complies with the requirements of NRS 233B.0609. As required by NRS 233B.0608(3), this statement identifies the methods used by the agency in determining the impact of the proposed regulation on a small business in sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 below and provides the reasons for the conclusions of the agency in section 8 below followed by the certification by the person responsible for the agency.

Background

The DPBH determined that existing Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 450B needed to be reviewed with regulation additions and changes proposed. The industry has changed in the past years and with the addition of community paramedicine services some of the regulations required clarity or additional language to ensure better access to services in the rural communities. Regulations also required updating to be current with national and Centers of Disease Control guidelines.

1) A description of the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 (2)(a), DPBH has requested input from stakeholders and small businesses.

A Small Business Impact Questionnaire was sent to Emergency Medical Services Ambulance, air Ambulance and Firefighting agencies, Nevada Rural Hospital Partners and sent on the Emergency Medical Systems Program listserv along with a copy of the proposed regulation changes, on July 17, 2018. The questions on the questionnaire were:

- 1) How many employees are currently employed by your business?
- 2) Will a specific regulation have an adverse economic effect upon your business? If so, please indicate the estimated dollar amount(s) you believe the adopted regulations will cost you over one calendar year with a brief explanation as to how the dollar amount was calculated.
- 3) Will the regulation(s) have any beneficial effect upon your business? If so, please include any cost savings you believe the adopted regulations will save you over one calendar year with an estimated dollar amount if applicable.

- 6) **If the proposed regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount DPBH expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.**

There are no fee increases.

- 7) **An explanation of why any duplicative or more stringent provisions than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity are necessary.**

At this time, there are no duplicative or more stringent provisions than federal, state or local standards.

- 8) **Provide a summary of the reasons for the conclusions of the agency regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses.**

The agency concludes the proposed regulations will produce a negligible impact on small businesses. NAC 450B has proposed regulation changes and does not appear to have an economic impact on small businesses. The proposed changes were to provide additional access to community paramedicine services, clarification to existing regulations while adding or updating others to current industry standards and practices. The DPBH developed regulations that would not be unduly burdensome on small business. Overall, small businesses in the State of Nevada appear not to be impacted by the proposed regulations.

Any other persons interested in obtaining a copy of the summary may e-mail, call, or mail in a request to Tina Smith at the Division of Public and Behavioral Health at:

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Certification by Person Responsible for the Agency

I, Julie Kotchevar, Administrator of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health certify to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Signature Margaret Chappel Date: July 20, 2018
on behalf of Julie Kotchevar