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## Division of Public and Behavioral Health NEWS RELEASE

### The Nevada State Board of Health Approves the Community Paramedicine Agreements for Eleven Emergency Medical Services

*Carson City* – On Friday, June 10, the Nevada State Board of Health (BOH) approved the community paramedicine agreements for 11 permitted emergency medical services. This action will allow these entities to provide community paramedicine services. EMS services who have their Community Paramedicine Compliance Agreements approved by the State Board of Health on June 10, 2016, will be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement on July 1, 2016.

Per the 2015 Legislative session, Assembly Bill (AB) 305, sponsored by Assemblyman James Oscarson, was passed and community paramedicine was added to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 450B. "Community paramedicine services" is now defined as services provided by an emergency medical technician, an advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic to patients who do not require emergency medical transportation and provided in a manner that is integrated with the health care and social services resources available in the community. The scope may include, but is not limited to, episodic assessment, care, intervention, care based on care plans developed by practitioners and/or physicians, helping a recently discharged hospital patient reestablish themselves at home, and medication reconciliation.

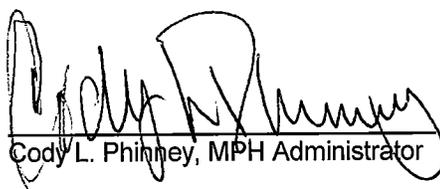
The 11 permitted emergency medical services are: Carson City Fire Department, Reno Fire Department, Life Guard International/Flying ICU, American Medical Response (AMR), North Lyon County Fire Protection District, REMSA, North Lake Tahoe Fire Department, East Fork Fire Protection District, Humboldt General Hospital, Storey County Fire Department and Central Lyon Fire Protection District.

"I want to thank the Board of Health for approving this important item," said Cody Phinney, Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health. "This is one step in improving access to healthcare across the state. We are hopeful that other emergency medical services entities will be added to the list. Nevada will be one of the first states to have Medicaid reimbursed services."

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