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**TO: Owners and Operators of Tattoo, Piercing, and Permanent Makeup Establishments (Invasive Body Decoration Establishments)**

**RE: Legislative Approval of amendments to NAC 444 "Sanitation"**

Dear Owners and Operators,

The Nevada State Board of Health approved proposed regulation amendments to NAC 444, "Sanitation," on September 8, 2017. The goals of the proposed regulations changes were to:

- Adopt regulation amendments for Tattoos, piercings, and other forms of Invasive Body Decoration procedures that were currently unregulated state-wide in a manner that protects the health of the consumer in the State of Nevada.
- Allow for inspection oversight of invasive body decoration procedures, with the intent to reduce the risk of bloodborne disease and skin infection among patrons and operators by enforcing industry best practices in all establishments within the State.
- These regulation amendments would require all operators in the State to pay a permit fee (fee schedule listed at the end of this letter), and become subject to inspection by the Health Authority having jurisdiction.

The amendments to NAC 444 were subsequently approved on December 19, 2017 the State of Nevada's Legislative Counsel Bureau, and they have taken affect as of January 3, 2018. Please feel free to review the approved amendments by visiting the following link: [http://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhgov/content/Reg/Invasive\\_Body\\_Decoration\\_\(Tattoo\)/Statutes/Proposed%20Regulation%20R\\_112-16.pdf](http://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhgov/content/Reg/Invasive_Body_Decoration_(Tattoo)/Statutes/Proposed%20Regulation%20R_112-16.pdf)

The regulations allow for a compliance grace period in which the Environmental Health Section look forward to building a partnership amongst you and your staff that ensures that the public health is properly protected in the Invasive Body Decoration industry.

Within 30 days of receipt of this letter, the Division of Public and Behavioral Health asks for all operators/owners of Invasive Body Decoration establishments to contact our office to complete the following:

1. Establish a point of contact for your Invasive Body Decoration Establishment.
2. Set-up an online profile to apply for your permit and pay the permit fees listed below. The online permitting system as well as detailed information on the new program can be accessed at: [http://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/Invasive\\_Body\\_Decoration\\_\(Tattoo\)/Invasive\\_Body\\_Decoration/](http://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/Invasive_Body_Decoration_(Tattoo)/Invasive_Body_Decoration/)
3. Review questions about your facility and/or the regulations.
4. Set-up appointments to inspect your facility.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact this office at (775)-687-7533. You may also reach out to your respective field office staff as shown on the first page of this letter.

Sincerely,



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***Sec. 115. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the Division shall charge and collect fees for a permit to operate an invasive body decoration establishment in accordance with the following schedule:***

Invasive body decoration establishment:  
Annual Permit .....\$290  
Mobile invasive body decoration establishment:  
Per permit .....\$100  
Temporary invasive body decoration establishment:  
Per Permit.....\$125