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BACKGROUND

On Dec. 10, 2023, the Nevada Legislative Commission approved amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 441A which updated the manner in which reports are received by health authorities and the level of reporting required by medical facilities. Official codification of NAC 441A is pending, however the approved amendments can be found here.

ELECTRONIC REPORTING

NAC 441A.225 has been amended to include communicable disease reporting through electronic transmission and allow health authorities to require electronic case reporting. Electronic case reporting is defined as the automated, real-time exchange of information concerning cases between electronic health records and the health authority.

NAC 441A.225 subsections 1 and 2 now read as follows:

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a report of a case or suspected case, which is required to be made pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, must be made to the health authority during the regular business hours of the health authority on the first working day following the identification of the case or suspected case. Except as required pursuant to subsection 2, the report may be made by:
 - (a) Telephone;
 - (b) Telecopy, in the form prescribed by the health authority; or
 - (c) Any form of electronic communication identified by the health authority, including, without limitation, electronic case reporting, in the form and manner specified by the health authority.
- 2. The health authority may require a report of a case or suspected case to be made using electronic case reporting.

MEDICAL FACILITY REPORTING

NAC 441A.240 now requires, if requested by the health authority, that the director or other person in charge of a medical facility for which a report of a communicable disease is made shall provide additional records pertaining to the communicable disease that is the subject of the report, including and without limitation:

- (a) Proof of treatment; and
- (b) Negative results from laboratory testing

Questions

For updated guidance, review <u>the Division of Public and Behavioral Health Technical Bulletin</u> web page regularly. Email <u>dpbhepi@health.nv.gov</u> for other questions regarding electronic reporting or medical facility record reporting.

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