



## Technical Bulletin

### Division of Public and Behavioral Health

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**To:** Medical Facilities, Facilities for the Dependent and Ambulatory Surgical Centers

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The purpose of this bulletin is to notify the affected health care providers and the public of recently adopted statutes.

On June 13, 2017, Governor Brian Sandoval signed into law Senate Bill 482 (SB482). SB482 establishes changes relating to public awareness of health care information and staffing committee requirements.

SB482 requires the following additions and/or changes:

- Display of medical facility and facility for the dependent star ratings.
- Development of a rating system for such health care facilities based on compliance with staffing requirements.
- Establishment of procedures for a follow-up inspection or appeal of a violation.
- Policy/procedural changes by a hospital for the staffing committee requirements.

#### **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Star Ratings Posting Requirements for Medical Facilities and Facilities for the Dependent:**

- The Division of Public and Behavioral Health (Division) will be required to post links on the Division's website of the most recent star rating assigned by CMS for each medical facility or facility for the dependent that receives such a rating.
- Medical facilities and facilities for the dependent that receive a star rating from CMS must post the most recent star rating assigned to a facility:
  - (1) in a conspicuous place near each entrance to the facility that is regularly used by the public; and
  - (2) on the Internet website maintained by the facility, if the facility maintains an Internet website.

#### **Ambulatory Surgical Center Specific Reporting Requirements:**

- The Division will be required to post a link on its website to "The Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting Program" maintained by CMS.
- Ambulatory Surgical Centers will be required to post the address of the internet website for the Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting Program in a conspicuous place near each

entrance to the surgical center that is regularly used by the public and, if the surgical center maintains an Internet website that is accessible to the public, it must be posted on that website.

**Staffing Committees / Rating Systems:**

- Medical facilities meeting the requirements of NRS 449.242 will be required to include various changes to their staffing committee including the member type (licensed and certified) and alternate member elections.
- Medical facilities are required to develop a written policy concerning refusal of/or objection to work assignments and the staffing plan of a hospital to be signed by each member of the staffing committee of the hospital.
- The Division will be required to establish a star rating system for such health care facilities based on compliance with such staffing requirements. The Division is required to establish procedures by which a facility may request a follow-up inspection or appeal; a finding concerning a violation within a specified timeframe.
- The Division will be required to post the rating system for staffing on the Internet website maintained by the Division.
- Medical Facilities must post the staffing rating system in a conspicuous place near each entrance to the facility that is regularly used by the public.

This law becomes effective January 1, 2018. New regulations will be developed as a result of the law.

For more information and actual bill language please visit:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Reports/>

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