

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
4150 Technology Way, Suite 300  
CARSON CITY, NV 89706

**APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE**

Please check the appropriate box that pertains to the NAC for which you are requesting a variance.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Division Administration<br>(NAC 439, 441A, 452, 453A, & 629)                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Care Quality & Compliance<br>(NAC 449, 457, 459 & 652)                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child, Family & Community Wellness<br>(NAC 392, 394, 432A, 439, 441A, & 442) | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Statistics, Planning,<br>Epidemiology and Response<br>(NAC 440,450B, 452, 453, 453A, & 695C) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health & Clinical Services<br>(NAC 211, 444, 446, 447, 583, & 585)    |  |

Date: 9/1/2020

Name of Applicant: Renown Health Phone: 775-982-6188

Mailing Address: 1155 Mill Street I-2

City: Reno State: NV Zip: 89502

We do hereby apply for a variance to \_\_\_\_\_ of the Nevada  
chapter/section NAC 449.3154  
Administrative Code (NAC). (For example: NAC 449.204)

Title of section in question: Construction Standards

Statement of existing or proposed conditions in violation of the NAC:

1st floor patient care area South Meadows Campus, 24 patient bathrooms are not equipped with  
hand washing sinks... The patient rooms do have the required wash stations providing the .  
patient with a place for hand washing

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Date of initial operation (if existing): 1999

**ATTENTION: Please read this section closely. Your request for variance will be examined against these criteria:**

Any person who, because of unique circumstances, is unduly burdened by a regulation of the State Board of Health and thereby suffers a hardship and the abridgement of a substantial property right may apply for a variance from a regulation. (NAC 439.200(1))

1. The State Board of Health will grant a variance from a regulation only if it finds from the evidence presented at the hearing that:
  - (a) There are circumstances or conditions which:
    - (1) Are unique to the applicant;
    - (2) Do not generally affect other persons subject to the regulation;
    - (3) Make compliance with the regulation unduly burdensome; and
    - (4) Cause a hardship to and abridge a substantial property right of the applicant; and
  - (b) Granting the variance:
    - (1) Is necessary to render substantial justice to the applicant and enable him to preserve and enjoy his property; and
    - (2) Will not be detrimental or pose a danger to public health and safety.
2. Whenever an applicant for a variance alleges that he suffers or will suffer economic hardship by complying with the regulation, he must submit evidence demonstrating the costs of his compliance with the regulation. The Board will consider the evidence and determine whether those costs are unreasonable. (NAC 439.240)

**Therefore, it is important for your variance request to be as complete as possible. It is your responsibility to attach documentation supportive of your variance request.**

Statement of degree of risk of health

There is no impact the the health and safety of our patients as a hand washing station is located directly outside of the bathroom to the left.

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**Please state in detail the circumstances or conditions which demonstrate that:**

1. An exceptional and undue hardship results from a strict application of the Regulation:

The requirment to now add hand washing sinks within the bathroom will delay the facility in providing patient care and cost impact is estimated at \$ 32,000 per room/\$768,000 overall

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2. The variance, if granted, would not:
  - A. Cause substantial detriment to the public welfare.

N/A

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- B. Impair substantially the purpose of the regulation from which the application seeks a variance.

The need to now add sinks within the 1st patient room bathrooms following 16+ years of use by our leased hospital Life Care LTAC, the space in question became a hospital within a hospital in 2003 by Life Care/Tahoe Pacific until 2019 when Life Care closed this portion of their business, during their lease there were several state surveys supported by the adopted FGI guidlines. Now with bed space available Renown looks to increase the bed license for the South Meadows facility in order the support the need for patient care.

The bureau may require the following supporting documents to be submitted with and as a part of this application:

1. Legal description of property concerned
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2. General area identification map

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- \_ 3. Plat map showing locations of all pertinent items and appurtenances
- \_ 4. Well log (if applicable)
- \_ 5. Applicable lab reports
- \_ 6. Applicable engineering or construction/remodeling information
- \_ 7. Other items (see following pages)

This application must be accompanied by evidence demonstrating the costs of your compliance with regulations or specific statutory standards. Your request will be placed on the Board of Health agenda 40 days or more after receipt in this office if accompanied by the required fee (NAC 439.210). The application and supporting documentation will form the basis for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health staff report and recommendation(s) to the Board. Failure to respond to the above statements may cause the Board to deny consideration of the application at the requested Board meeting.

Please schedule this hearing during:



The next regularly scheduled Board of Health meeting, regardless of location.



The next scheduled meeting in Carson City.



The next scheduled meeting in Las Vegas.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: Chris Baker

Title: Director of Facilities Engineering

Date: 9/3/2020

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**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE BY USING  
ANY OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:**

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