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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION

(LCB File No. R010-22) Notice of Hearing for the Amendment of Regulations of the State Board of Health

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Board of Health will hold a public hearing to consider amendments to Chapters 457, 459, 449, and 652 of Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This public hearing is to be held in conjunction with the State Board of Health meeting on September 2, 2022.

The State Board of Health will be conducted at 9:00 am on Friday, September 2, 2022, this meeting will be held online, by phone, and at two physical locations:

Online Platform:

Microsoft Teams Link •

Join by Phone:

Conference ID: 655 825 021# - +1 775-321-6111

Meeting Locations:

- Rawson Neal Psychiatric Hospital Training Room B (193), 1650 Community College Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89146
- Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) Hearing Room No. 303, 3rd Floor 4150 Technology Way: Carson City, Nevada 89706

The proposed changes to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapters 457, 459, 449, and 652 are required in accordance with Assembly Bill 471 of the 2021 Legislative Session. The proposed regulations establish certain fees to support the system for the reporting of information on cancer and other neoplasms; authorizes certain health care facilities and providers of healthcare to abstract or report information to the system; and clarifies language regarding the administrative penalty for failure to correctly report information on cancer and other neoplasms.

The proposed changes to NAC Chapters 457, 459, 449, and 652 include the following:

- Adds a fee equal to 6 percent of the renewal fee to the licensure renewal cost for mammography and other radiological machines, surgical center for ambulatory patients, facility for the treatment of irreversible renal disease, facility for hospice care, program of hospice care, hospital, facility, for intermediate care, facility for skilled nursing, agency to provide personal care services in the home or rural clinic and the renewal of a licensure to operate medical laboratory except laboratories that only perform waived tests for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).
- Adds clarifying language to better describe which entities are required to report/submit an abstract to the registry, as this has caused confusion in the past. This will now include a provider of healthcare as defined NRS 629, as well as "other treatment facility" which has been added.
- Adds language to clarify the definition of a report and an abstract, which is the terminology used in referencing the format in which cancer case data is submitted to the state registry. Provides methodology to clearly and easily determine if data reporter is required to submit an abstract based on the definition provided in the amended regulations.
- Adds clarifying language and expands the authority of Nevada Central Cancer Registry (NCCR) to enforce cancer reporting requirements across the board for providers who diagnose, provide treatment, or refer a case of cancer or other neoplasm.
- Removes confusing language concerning the term "initial diagnosis" and clarifies the requirement for submitting a report/abstract to be only active or newly reportable diagnosis as defined the regulations.
- Adds clarifying language to further describe the intention behind non-reporting fees and time allowed for correction to submit and abstract or report.
- 1. Anticipated effects on the business which NAC # Chapters 457, 459, 449, and 652 regulates:
 - A. *Adverse effects*: The Division of Public and Behavioral Health does not anticipate any adverse/negative impacts to businesses or general public in the State of Nevada.
 - B. *Beneficial:* The positive/beneficial effects of the proposed regulations to businesses in the State of Nevada would be increased cancer data reporting to the NCCR, therefor resulting in better quality and timely cancer data available for use.
 - C. *Immediate:* As soon as the proposed regulations become effective it would allow for NCCR to begin collecting funding from the fees imposed in the amended regulations, which would in turn allow NCCR to expand the staff for much needed additional support in collecting, processing, and reporting cancer data to the federal agencies for cancer prevention.
 - D. *Long-term:* The long-term positive/beneficial effects to businesses in the State of Nevada include More readily accessible and complete data available for treatment research, program planning, other efforts related to the prevention, treatment, and survivorship support.
- 2. Anticipated effects on the public:

A. *Adverse*: The Division of Public and Behavioral Health does not anticipate any adverse/negative impacts to general public in the State of Nevada.

B. *Beneficial:* The positive/beneficial effects of the proposed regulations to the public in the State of Nevada would be increased cancer data reporting to NCCR by healthcare facilities, providers, medical laboratories, and other facilities therefor resulting in better quality and timely cancer data available for

use.

C. *Immediate*: As soon as the proposed regulations become effective it would allow for NCCR to begin collecting funding from the fees imposed in the amended regulations, which would in turn allow NCCR to expand the staff for much needed additional support in collecting, processing, and reporting cancer data to the federal agencies for cancer prevention.

D. *Long-term:* The long-term positive/beneficial effects to the public in the State of Nevada include more complete and timely data available for use.

3. The Division of Public and Behavioral Health determined the impact on small business by soliciting responses through the Public Workshop and Small Business impact (SBI) questionnaire. SBI Statement was solicited via email to multiple listservs targeting medical providers, licensed healthcare facilities and more. Additionally, the information for the Public Workshop, SBI Questionnaire, SBI Statement was also provided online via the State of Nevada Cancer Registry Website (Link:

https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/NCCR/Nevada Central Cancer Registry Regulation Public Workshops and P ublic_Hearings/). Interested parties could also request a physical copy via email (sent via mail) or in person at the Division of Public and Behavioral Health office located at 4126 Technology Way Carson City, NV 89706 or in our Southern Nevada location at 3811 W. Charleston Blvd. Suite 205 Las Vegas, NV 89102.

4. The proposed regulations will not add any cost to the current regulatory enforcement activities conducted by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

5. The proposed regulations do not overlap or duplicate any other Nevada state or federal regulations.

6. The proposed regulations do not establish a new fee equal to 6 percent of the renewal fee to the licensure renewal cost for mammography and other radiological machines, surgical center for ambulatory patients, facility for the treatment of irreversible renal disease, facility for hospice care, program of hospice care, hospital, facility, for intermediate care, facility for skilled nursing, agency to provide personal care services in the home or rural clinic and the renewal of a licensure to operate medical laboratory except laboratories that only perform waived tests for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Members of the public may make oral comments at this meeting. Persons wishing to submit written testimony or documentary evidence in excess of two typed, 8-1/2" x 11" pages must submit the material to the Board's Secretary, Lisa Sherych, to be received no later than <u>5 DAYS BEFORE MEETING DATE</u> at the following address:

Secretary, State Board of Health Division of Public and Behavioral Health 4150 Technology Way, Suite 300 Carson City, NV 89706 <u>stateBOH@health.nv.gov</u>

Written comments, testimony, or documentary evidence in excess of two typed pages will not be accepted at the time of the hearing. The purpose of this requirement is to allow Board members adequate time to review the documents.

A copy of the notice and proposed regulations are on file for inspection and/or may be copied at the following locations during normal business hours:

Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health 4126 Technology Way, Suite#100 Carson City, NV 89706

Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health 3811 W. Charleston Blvd, Suite #205 Las Vegas, NV. 89102

Nevada State Library and Archives 100 Stewart Street Carson City, NV

A copy of the regulations and small business impact statement can be found on-line by going to: https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/NCCR/Nevada_Central_Cancer_Registry_Regulation_Public_Workshops_and_P ublic_Hearings/

A copy of the public hearing notice can also be found at Nevada Legislature's web page: <u>https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/</u>

Copies may be obtained in person, by mail, or by calling the Division of Public and Behavioral Health at

Nevada Central Cancer Registry 4126 Technology Wy, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89706 E-mail: dpbhNCCR@health.nv.gov Telephone: 775-684-5968

Copies may also be obtained from the Nevada State Library at the address listed below:

Nevada State Library & Archives 100 N. Stewart Street Carson City, NV 89701

Per NRS 233B.064(2), upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either prior to adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

REVISED PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

LCB File No. R010-22

August 2, 2022

EXPLANATION - Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1 and 2, NRS 439.150, 439.200, 449.050 and 457.240; §§ 3 and 4, NRS 457.065 and 457.240; § 5, NRS 457.065 and 457.250; § 6, NRS 439.150, 457.065, 457.184 and 457.240; § 7, NRS 439.150, 439.200, 457.240 and 652.100.

A REGULATION relating to public health; establishing certain fees to support the system for the reporting of information on cancer and other neoplasms; revising the standards and procedure of the system for the reporting of information on cancer and other neoplasms; authorizing certain health care facilities and providers of health care to abstract or report information to the system; revising the administrative penalty for failure to correctly report information on cancer and other neoplasms; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Chief Medical Officer, through regulations of the State Board of Health, to establish and maintain a system for the reporting of information on cancer and other neoplasms. (NRS 457.230) Existing law requires the Board to impose a fee on applicants for the issuance or renewal of certain certificates, registrations and licenses to support the system for the reporting of information on cancer and other neoplasms. (NRS 457.240) **Sections 1, 2, 6 and 7** of this regulation establish this fee.

Existing law requires hospitals, medical laboratories and other facilities that provide screening, diagnostic or therapeutic services to patients with respect to cancer or other neoplasms and providers of health care who diagnose or provide treatment for cancer or other neoplasms to report information regarding cases of cancer or other neoplasms to the system. (NRS 457.230) Existing regulations require each such facility or provider to abstract certain information concerning each case of cancer and certain other neoplasms and submit the information to the Chief Medical Officer or a designee thereof on a quarterly basis. (NAC 457.040-457.052) **Sections 3 and 4** of this regulation revise the standards adopted by reference to govern the procedure for abstracting information. **Section 4**: (1) provides that only certain hospitals that frequently treat cancer patients must abstract the required information from their records; and (2) authorizes other facilities and providers of health care to report the required information to the Chief Medical Officer on a form instead of abstracting the required information. **Section 4** also increases the time period by which a facility or provider is required to provide an abstract or

report to the Chief Medical Officer before the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services abstracts the information from the facility or provider for a fee. **Section 4** additionally clarifies the types of cases for which a facility or provider is required to submit an abstract or report.

Existing regulations authorize the Division to impose an administrative penalty of not more than \$5,000 against a provider or facility that fails, after notice and a time for correction, to submit an abstract or report concerning a case of cancer or another neoplasm. (NAC 457.145) **Section 5** of this regulation provides that such penalties must not exceed \$5,000 in the aggregate in a calendar year.

Section 1. NAC 449.013 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.013 1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 449.0168, an applicant for a license to

operate any of the following facilities, programs of hospice care or agencies must pay to the

Division of Public and Behavioral Health the following nonrefundable fees:

(a) An ambulatory surgical center	\$9,784
(b) A home office or subunit agency of a home health agency	5,168
(c) A branch office of a home health agency	5,358
(d) A rural clinic	4,058
(e) An obstetric center	1,564
(f) A program of hospice care	7,054
(g) An independent center for emergency medical care	4,060
(h) A nursing pool	4,602
(i) A facility for treatment with narcotics	5,046
(j) A medication unit	1,200
(k) A referral agency	2,708
(l) A facility for refractive surgery	6,700
(m) A mobile unit	2,090

(n) An agency to provide personal care services in the home 1,374
(o) A facility for the care of adults during the day allowed to be occupied by
not more than 50 clients at one time 1,164
(p) A facility for the care of adults during the day allowed to be occupied by
more than 50 clients at one time 1,753
(q) A peer support recovery organization 1,000
(r) A community health worker pool 1,000
(s) An employment agency to provide nonmedical services 1,400
2. An applicant for the renewal of such a license must pay to the Division of Public and
Behavioral Health the following nonrefundable fees:
(a) An ambulatory surgical center\$4,892
(b) A home office or subunit agency of a home health agency 2,584
(c) A branch office of a home health agency 2,679
(d) A rural clinic 2,029
(e) An obstetric center
(f) A program of hospice care 3,527
(g) An independent center for emergency medical care 2,030
(h) A nursing pool 2,301
(i) A facility for treatment with narcotics 2,523
(j) A medication unit
(k) A referral agency 1,354
(l) A facility for refractive surgery 3,350
(m) A mobile unit 1,045

(n) An agency to provide personal care services in the home	687
(o) A facility for the care of adults during the day allowed to be occupied by	
not more than 50 clients at one time	814
(p) A facility for the care of adults during the day allowed to be occupied by	
more than 50 clients at one time	1,227
(q) A peer support recovery organization	500
(r) A community health worker pool	500
(s) An employment agency to provide nonmedical services	700

3. Upon the issuance or renewal of a license to operate an ambulatory surgical center, agency to provide personal care services in the home or rural clinic, the licensee shall pay to the Division a nonrefundable fee equal to 6 percent of the renewal fee set forth in subsection 2. The Division shall use the fees collected pursuant to this subsection during the immediately following fiscal year to support the system for the reporting of information on cancer and other neoplasms.

4. An application for a license is valid for 1 year after the date on which the application is submitted. If an applicant does not meet the requirements for licensure imposed by chapter 449 of NRS or the regulations adopted pursuant thereto within 1 year after the date on which the applicant submits his or her application, the applicant must submit a new application and pay the required fee to be considered for licensure.

Sec. 2. NAC 449.016 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.016 1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 449.0168, an applicant for a license to operate any of the following facilities must pay to the Division the following nonrefundable fees:

	Fee per
Fee per	r bed in the
facility	facility
(a) A skilled nursing facility\$2,252	2 \$108
(b) A hospital, other than a rural hospital14,606	5 110
(c) A rural hospital 9,530) 62
(d) An intermediate care facility for persons with an intellectual	
disability or persons with a developmental disability 2,018	3 280
(e) An intermediate care facility, other than an intermediate care	
facility for persons with an intellectual disability or persons with a	
developmental disability	5 72
(f) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a residential	
facility for groups 2,386	5 200
(g) A facility for the treatment of alcohol or other substance use	
disorders	2 190
(h) A facility for hospice care	3 352
(i) A home for individual residential care 1,764	4 184
(j) A facility for modified medical detoxification) 494
(k) A community triage center	2 136
(l) A facility for the treatment of irreversible renal disease	3 120
(m) A halfway house for persons recovering from alcohol or	
other substance use disorders) 368

	Fee per
Fee per	bed in the
facility	facility
(n) A facility for transitional living for released offenders 3,990	146
(o) A psychiatric residential treatment facility	62
(p) A recovery center	72

2. An applicant for the renewal of such a license must pay to the Division the following nonrefundable fees:

	Fee per
Fee per	bed in the
facility	facility
(a) A skilled nursing facility\$1,126	\$54
(b) A hospital, other than a rural hospital 7,303	55
(c) A rural hospital 4,765	31
(d) An intermediate care facility for persons with an intellectual	
disability or persons with a developmental disability 1,009	140
(e) An intermediate care facility, other than an intermediate care	
facility for persons with an intellectual disability or persons with a	
developmental disability	46
(f) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a residential	
facility for groups 1,193	100

(g) A facility for the treatment of alcohol or other substance use	
disorders	95
(h) A facility for hospice care 1,994	176
(i) A home for individual residential care	92
(j) A facility for modified medical detoxification 4,980	247
(k) A community triage center	68
(1) A facility for the treatment of irreversible renal disease 2,089	60
(m) A halfway house for persons recovering from alcohol or	
other substance use disorders	184
(n) A facility for transitional living for released offenders 1,995	73
(o) A psychiatric residential treatment facility 4,765	31
(p) A recovery center	46

3. An applicant for a license or for the renewal of a license for a residential facility for groups shall pay a fee of \$35 for each bed in the facility if the facility is paid less than \$1,000 per month for services provided to each bed in the facility.

4. An application for a license is valid for 1 year after the date on which the application is submitted. If an applicant does not meet the requirements for licensure imposed by chapter 449 of NRS or the regulations adopted pursuant thereto within 1 year after the date on which he or she submits his or her application, the applicant must submit a new application and pay the required fee to be considered for licensure.

5. Upon the issuance or renewal of a license to operate a facility for the treatment of irreversible renal disease, facility for hospice care, program of hospice care, hospital, facility for intermediate care or facility for skilled nursing, the licensee shall pay to the Division a

nonrefundable fee equal to 6 percent of the renewal fee set forth in subsection 2. The Division shall use the fees collected pursuant to this subsection during the immediately following fiscal year to support the system for the reporting of information on cancer and other neoplasms.

6. Pursuant to NRS 449.050, if an application for a license to operate a facility for transitional living for released offenders or the renewal of such a license is denied, any amount of a fee paid pursuant to paragraph (n) of subsection 1 or paragraph (n) of subsection 2 that exceeds the expenses and costs incurred by the Division must be refunded to the applicant.

Sec. 3. NAC 457.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

457.015 1. The State Board of Health hereby adopts by reference the most current version of:

(a) The following volumes in the *Standards for Cancer Registries* published by the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries:

(1) Volume I, Data Exchange Standards and Record Descriptions;

(2) Volume II, Data Standards and Data Dictionary;

(3) Volume III, Standards for Completeness, Quality, Analysis, Management, Security, and Confidentiality of Data;

(4) Volume IV, Standard Data EDITS; and

(5) Volume V, Pathology Laboratory Electronic Reporting.

→ A copy of each volume adopted by reference may be obtained, free of charge, from the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries at the Internet address

https://www.naaccr.org.

(b) The *International Classification of Diseases for Oncology*, published by the World Health Organization. A copy of this publication may be obtained, free of charge, from the World Health Organization at the Internet address **http://codes.iarc.fr/usingicdo.php**.

(c) The [Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards (FORDS),] <u>Standards for Oncology</u> <u>Registry Entry (STORE)</u> published by [the Commission on Cancer of] the American College of Surgeons. A copy of this publication may be obtained, free of charge, from the American College of Surgeons at the Internet address [https://www.facs.org/quality-

programs/cancer/ncdb/registrymanuals/cocmanuals.] https://www.facs.org/quality-

programs/cancer-programs/national-cancer-database/ncdb-call-for-data/cocmanuals.

2. If a publication adopted by reference in subsection 1 is revised, the Chief Medical Officer shall review the revision to determine its suitability for this State. If the Chief Medical Officer determines that the revision is not suitable for this State, the Chief Medical Officer shall file an objection to the revision with the State Board of Health within 30 days after the standards are revised. If the Chief Medical Officer does not file such an objection, the revision becomes part of the publication adopted by reference pursuant to subsection 1. If the Board determines that the revision is not suitable for this State, it will hold a public hearing to review its determination and give notice of that hearing within 6 months after the date of the publication of the revision. If, after the hearing, the Board does not revise its determination, the Board will give notice that the revision is not suitable for this State within 30 days after the hearing. If the Board does not give such notice, the revision becomes part of the publication adopted by reference pursuant to subsection 1.

Sec. 4. NAC 457.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

457.050 1. Except as otherwise provided in *this section and* NAC 457.052, each provider of health care who is required to report information on cases of cancer and other neoplasms pursuant to NRS 457.230 and each health care facility and other facility that provides screening, diagnostic or therapeutic services to patients with respect to cancer and other neoplasms shall provide to the Chief Medical Officer information concerning such neoplasms by:

(a) Abstracting [,] *or reporting*, at a minimum, the information described in NAC 457.052 on a form prescribed by the Chief Medical Officer or a designee thereof; and

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection [7,] 8, submitting that information on a quarterly basis using an electronic means approved by the Chief Medical Officer or the designee.

2. A hospital, as defined in NRS 449.012, that has reported providing screening, diagnostic or therapeutic services to more than 50 patients with cancer each year for 3 consecutive years shall fulfill the requirements of subsection 1 by abstracting the information described in NAC 457.052.

3. Each:

(a) Provider of health care described in subsection 1 shall provide the information to the Chief Medical Officer required pursuant to subsection 1:

(1) For any [initial] diagnosis made or treatment initiated for cancer or other neoplasms in the first quarter of a calendar year, on or before June 30 of the same calendar year;

(2) For any [initial] diagnosis made or treatment initiated for cancer or other neoplasms in the second quarter of a calendar year, on or before September 30 of the same calendar year;

(3) For any [initial] diagnosis made or treatment initiated for cancer or other neoplasms in the third quarter of a calendar year, on or before December 30 of the same calendar year; and

(4) For any [initial] diagnosis made or treatment initiated for cancer or other neoplasms in the fourth quarter of a calendar year, on or before March 30 of the subsequent calendar year; and

(b) Health care facility and other facility that provides screening, diagnostic or therapeutic services to patients with respect to cancer and other neoplasms shall provide the information to the Chief Medical Officer required pursuant to subsection 1 within 6 months after a patient is admitted, initially diagnosed with or treated for cancer or another neoplasm.

(b) The Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards (FORDS),] and the <u>Standards for</u> Oncology Registry Entry (STORE), as adopted by reference in NAC 457.015.

[4.] 5. Ninety days after a publication specified in subsection [3] 4 is revised, a provider of health care described in subsection 1 and a health care facility or other facility that provides screening, diagnostic or therapeutic services to patients with respect to cancer and other neoplasms *who abstracts information pursuant to subsection 1 or 2* shall abstract *the* information in conformance with the revision unless the Chief Medical Officer files an objection to the revision pursuant to NAC 457.015.

[5.] 6. A provider of health care described in subsection 1 and a health care facility or other facility that provides screening, diagnostic or therapeutic services to patients with respect to

cancer and other neoplasms which does not use the staff of the Division to abstract *or report* information from its records shall cause to have abstracted [and] *or* reported to the Division the neoplasms described in NAC 457.040 in the manner required by this section.

[6.] 7. If a provider of health care or a health care facility or other facility that provides screening, diagnostic or therapeutic services to patients with respect to cancer and other neoplasms fails to comply with subsection [5,] 6, the Division shall give the provider of health care or the health care facility or other facility that provides screening, diagnostic or therapeutic services to patients with respect to cancer and other neoplasms at least [30] 90 days after the time limit set forth in subsection [2] 3 to comply with subsection [5] 6 before the Division abstracts information from the records of the provider of health care or the health care facility or other facility that provides screening, diagnostic or therapeutic services to patients with respect to cancer and other neoplasms at least facility or other facility that provides screening, diagnostic or therapeutic services to patients with respect to cancer and other neoplasms and the Chief Medical Officer charges the *abstracting* fee set forth in NAC 457.150.

[7.] 8. The Chief Medical Officer may waive the requirement of submitting the information by electronic means pursuant to subsection 1 if the Chief Medical Officer determines that such a waiver is in the best interests of the general public.

[8.] 9. If a provider of health care , *health care facility or other facility* described in subsection 1 [initially] diagnoses , *provides treatment or refers for consultation, review or further action related to the diagnosis or treatment of* a case of cancer or another neoplasm, the provider of health care , *health care facility or other facility, as applicable,* is required to provide the information set forth in NAC 457.052 with regard to the [initial diagnosis of] cancer or other neoplasm. [If the provider of health care does not provide treatment for the cancer or

other neoplasm, the provider of health care's responsibility to report information on that case of cancer or other neoplasm pursuant to this section and NRS 457.230 ends.

— 9. As used in this section, "initial diagnosis" or "initially diagnosed" means that the provider of health care or the health care facility or other facility that provides screening, diagnostic or therapeutic services to patients with respect to cancer and other neoplasms was the first provider of health care or the health care facility or other facility to designate a cancer code in the medical record of the patient and to inform the patient of his or her diagnosis. The term does not include the preparation of a diagnostic tool, including, without limitation, an image, if that diagnostic tool will be interpreted by another provider of health care or another health care facility or other facility that provides screening, diagnostic or therapeutic services to patients with respect to cancer and other neoplasms for the purpose of diagnosing cancer or another neoplasm.]

10. A provider of health care, health care facility or other facility described in subsection 1 is not required to submit an abstract or report for a patient pursuant to subsection 1 unless the diagnosis of the patient is active or newly reportable and the primary or secondary reason for the visit or admission is related to the diagnosis or treatment of the cancer or other neoplasm. If a patient subsequently develops a new or primary cancer or other neoplasm, the new or primary cancer or other neoplasm must be abstracted or reported separately.

11. As used in this section:

(a) "Abstract" means to create an electronic summary, synopsis or abbreviated record that identifies pertinent information about the patient, disease, treatment for the disease and the process of the disease from the time of diagnosis until the death of the patient.

(b) "Report" means to submit a summary of data from the medical record of a patient.Sec. 5. NAC 457.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:

457.145 1. Before imposing an administrative penalty pursuant to this section, the Division shall give notice in the manner set forth in NAC 439.345 which includes, without limitation, a time determined by the Chief Medical Officer within which the person must correct the violation of NRS 457.250. The Division may, for good cause shown, extend the time within which the person must correct the violation.

2. If a person fails to correct an alleged violation of NRS 457.250 for which a notice of violation has been issued pursuant to subsection 1 within the time allowed for correction, the Division may impose an administrative penalty [of not more than] against the person. Such administrative penalties must not exceed \$5,000 [against the person.] in the aggregate in a calendar year.

3. If a person is aggrieved by a decision of the Division relating to the imposition of an administrative penalty pursuant to this section, the aggrieved person may appeal the decision pursuant to the procedures set forth in NAC 439.300 to 439.395, inclusive.

4. A company that owns and operates multiple health care facilities may satisfy the requirement set forth in subsection 1 of NRS 457.250 for all such health care facilities in one report without segregating by health care facility, or by provider of health care, the records subject to reporting.

5. If a company chooses to make the records subject to reporting available to the Chief Medical Officer or the Chief Medical Officer's representative for multiple health care facilities owned or operated by the company in the manner described in subsection 4, any administrative penalty imposed by the Board pursuant to this section for the failure of any health care facility owned or operated by the company to comply with subsection 1 of NRS 457.250 will be imposed upon the company rather than the health care facility. Sec. 6. NAC 457.295 is hereby amended to read as follows:

457.295 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection [2,] 3, the Division shall charge and collect the following nonrefundable fees:

(a) For the issuance or renewal of a certificate for a machine, \$551.

(b) For the issuance or renewal of a mammographer's certificate, \$200.

(c) For the issuance of a duplicate mammographer's certificate for posting at multiple facilities for mammography pursuant to NAC 457.360, \$25.

(d) For the issuance or renewal of a certificate to provide training to mammographers pursuant to NAC 457.357, \$100.

2. Upon the issuance or renewal of a certificate for a machine, the holder of the certificate shall pay to the Division a fee equal to 6 percent of the renewal fee set forth in subsection 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, such a fee is nonrefundable. The Division shall use the fees collected pursuant to this subsection during the immediately following fiscal year to support the system for the reporting of information on cancer and other neoplasms.

3. If a payment was made in error, the Division will refund the fee collected pursuant to subsection 1 [,] or 2, after deducting an amount calculated to cover the administrative costs directly related to issuing the refund.

[3.] 4. A mammographer's certificate expires 3 years after the date on which it was issued unless it is renewed before that date. If the fee for renewal of a mammographer's certificate that is charged pursuant to subsection 1 is not received before the date on which the mammographer's certificate expires, the person whose mammographer's certificate expired shall:

(a) Stop operating the radiation machine for mammography on the date his or her mammographer's certificate expires; or

(b) Submit to the Division not later than 5 days after his or her mammographer's certificate expires:

(1) An application for a renewal of his or her mammographer's certificate;

(2) The fee for renewal of a mammographer's certificate that is charged pursuant to subsection 1; and

(3) A fee for late payment of \$100 per mammographer's certificate.

[4.] 5. The renewal fee must be postmarked or electronically received by the Division not later than the date on which the certificate expires. If the fee is not postmarked or electronically received by that date, the registrant shall:

(a) Submit to the Division within 5 days after the registration expires:

(1) An application for renewal of the registration;

(2) A fee in an amount that is equal to the appropriate fee set forth in subsection 1; and

(3) A fee for late payment of \$56 per registration; and

(b) Stop operating the machine to which the certificate applies until the fees required by paragraph (a) *and subsection 2* are paid.

Sec. 7. NAC 652.488 is hereby amended to read as follows:

652.488 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the following fees will be charged:

(a) Licensure of laboratory not described in paragraph (b) or (c)

Initial:

Annual test volume less than 25,000.....\$1,100

Annual test volume at least 25,000 but less than 100,000)
Annual test volume 100,000 or more4,000)
Biennial renewal:	
Annual test volume less than 25,000)
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Annual test volume 100,000 or more)
Reinstatement:	
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Annual test volume 100,000 or more4,000)
(b) Licensure of laboratory operated by health district, district board of	
health, county board of health or city or town board of health, or the State	
Public Health Laboratory	
Initial:	
Annual test volume less than 25,000\$550)
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Annual test volume 100,000 or more1,150)
Biennial renewal:	
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Annual test volume at least 25,000 but less than 100,000600)
Annual test volume 100,000 or more)
Reinstatement:	
Annual test volume less than 25,000)

Annual test volume at least 25,000 but less than 100,000	800
Annual test volume 100,000 or more	1,150
(c) Licensure of HIV testing laboratory	
Initial	\$150
Biennial renewal	150
(d) Licensure of director pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 3 of	
NAC 652.175 or NAC 652.380 to 652.395, inclusive	
Initial	\$500
Biennial renewal	
Reinstatement	500
(e) Registration of laboratory operated pursuant to NRS 652.072	
which is nonexempt pursuant to NAC 652.155	
Initial	\$1,500
Biennial renewal	
Reinstatement	1,500
(f) Registration of laboratory operated pursuant to NRS 652.072	
which is exempt pursuant to NAC 652.155	
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Technician113
Pathologist's assistant113
Point-of-care test analyst75
Laboratory, blood-gas or office laboratory assistant60
Biennial renewal:
General supervisor
Technologist75
Technician75
Pathologist's assistant75
Point-of-care test analyst60
Laboratory, blood-gas or office laboratory assistant45
Reinstatement:
General supervisor
Technologist113
Technician113
Pathologist's assistant
Point-of-care test analyst75
Laboratory, blood-gas or office laboratory assistant60
(h) Placement of license or certificate in inactive status\$50
(i) Issuance of original duplicate license or certificate\$50
(j) Permit to operate laboratory at temporary location\$300
(k) Change of location of laboratory\$300
(1) Change of director of laboratory\$300

(m) Change of name of laboratory\$300
(n) Inspection following receipt of an application to perform
additional tests at a laboratory (per application)\$300
(o) Inspection of an outpatient center of a laboratory (per site)
Initial inspection\$300
Inspection at time of biennial renewal
2. If the Division conducts an inspection of a laboratory that is located outside of this State,

the Division shall assess the expenses that the Division incurs as a result of the inspection to the laboratory. The laboratory shall reimburse the Division for the expenses assessed pursuant to this subsection.

3. The Division shall not charge or collect a fee set forth in paragraph (k), (l) or (m) of subsection 1 to an HIV testing laboratory.

4. The holder of or an applicant for a license or certificate issued pursuant to chapter 652 of NRS, or an applicant for a permit to operate a laboratory at a temporary location issued pursuant to NAC 652.195, shall be deemed to have paid any fee otherwise required pursuant to subsection 1 if the holder or applicant:

(a) Is, or is employed by, a medical laboratory that is operated by a person, governmental entity or fire-fighting agency that holds a permit issued by a health authority pursuant to NRS 450B.200; and

(b) Has paid the fee for the permit established by a board pursuant to NRS 450B.200.

5. Upon the renewal of a license to operate a laboratory, other than an HIV testing laboratory, the licensee shall pay to the Division a fee equal to 6 percent of the biennial renewal fee set forth in subsection 1. The Division shall use the fees collected pursuant to this subsection during the immediately following fiscal year to support the system for the reporting of information on cancer and other neoplasms.

- **6.** As used in this section:
- (a) "Board" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 450B.060.
- (b) "Health authority" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 450B.077.
- (c) "Permit" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 450B.100.



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SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT 2022

LCB File No. R010-22 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC 457, 459, 449, 652

The Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) has determined that the proposed amendments may have an adverse effect upon Nevada-Licensed Healthcare Facilities and impact, operation, or expansion of a small business in Nevada.

A small business is defined in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 233B as a "business conducted for profit which employs fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees."

This small business impact statement is made pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 (3) and complies with the requirements of NRS 233B.0609. As required by NRS 233B.0608(3), this statement identifies the methods used by the agency in determining the impact of the proposed regulation on a small business in sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 below and provides the reasons for the conclusions of the agency in section 8 below followed by the certification by the person responsible for the agency.

Background

The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has drafted revisions to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapters 457, 459, 449, and 652 in accordance with Assembly Bill 471 (AB 471) of the 2021 legislative session. AB 471 provides that a fee not to exceed 8% of the renewal fee for the Nevada Central Cancer Registry (NCCR) will be included with the licensure renewal or an initial application in some situations, effective July 1, 2021; as such this fee will be included with the renewal application for 2022.

Additionally, AB 471 removes existing exemptions, thereby requiring providers of health care who diagnose or provide treatment for cancer or other neoplasms to report information to the system by the Chief Medical Officer regardless of whether the case was referred or previously admitted to a hospital, medical laboratory, or other facility.

1) A description of the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 (2)(a), the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) has requested input from all Nevada-licensed health facilities.

A Small Business Impact Questionnaire was sent to all Nevada-licensed health facilities along with a copy of the proposed regulation changes, on January 24, 2022. The questions on the questionnaire were:

- 1) How many employees are currently employed by your business?
- 2) Will a specific regulation have an adverse economic effect upon your business?
- 3) Will the regulation(s) have any beneficial effect upon your business?
- 4) Do you anticipate any indirect adverse effects upon your business?
- 5) Do you anticipate any indirect beneficial effects upon your business?

Summary of Response

Summary Of Comments Received (11 responses were received out of 2,600 small business impact questionnaires distributed)			
Will a specific regulation have an adverse economic effect upon your business?	Will the regulation (s) have any beneficial effect upon your business?	Do you anticipate any indirect adverse effects upon your business?	Do you anticipate any indirect beneficial effects upon your business?
Yes- 5	Yes-0	Yes-4	Yes-1
No-3	No-7	No-3	No-6
No Response- 3	No Response- 4	No Response-3	No Response-4

Number of Respondents out 2,600	Adverse economic effect?	Beneficial effect?	Indirect adverse effects?	Indirect beneficial effects?
11	5	0	4	1

2) Describe the manner in which the analysis was conducted.

The DPBH prepared and distributed electronically a Small Business Impact Questionnaire to all of the Nevadalicensed health facilities, the Division distributed the survey electronically on January 24, 2022, and it was available through February 18, 2022. The NCCR has considered the impact on Nevada- licensed health facilities through a review of the proposed regulations. Results from the Small Business Impact Questionnaire were entered into Survey Monkey which created a spreadsheet for analysis. A Public Workshop will be held on Friday, April 22, 2022, to allow further input by the public regarding the proposed regulations and how they will impact the Nevada- licensed health facilities. Any comments will be taken into consideration for the possible revisions to the regulations to reduce the economic impact on facilities.

3) The estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small business which it is to regulate including, without limitation both adverse and beneficial effects and both direct and indirect effects.

On the survey 5 of the 11 respondents (45%) believe the proposed regulations will have an estimated economic effect on the on their business. While not many respondents provided an explanation of their primary concerns, 2 out of 5 respondents did describe briefly their concerns are financial ones and they are concerned cancer registry fees will add to an already strained financial situation. Please note that of 2,600 small business impact questionnaires distributed, only 5 responded and noted an adverse financial impact.

4) Provide a description of the methods that the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used any of those methods.

In addition to the small business impact statement, prior to the formal public workshops, The DPBH has held working group meetings for stakeholders to provide input and comments regarding the proposed regulations, including the economic impact the proposed regulations may have on Nevada- licensed health care facilities. Modifications to the proposed regulations have been made as a result of this input. Public workshops will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2022 allowing for further input by the public regarding the proposed regulations and how they will impact Nevada health care facilities. These comments will be taken into consideration for possible further revisions to the regulations to reduce the economic impact on facilities.

5) The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.

There is no direct cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulations.

6) If the proposed regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount DPBH expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.

All renewal amounts are based on an annual renewal fee except for medical laboratories in which the amounts will be collected every 2 years. Language in LCB File No R010-22 states up to 8%, but the intent is only to charge the amount needed to cover the cost to support the cancer registry, therefore, projected fees are calculated based on a 6% increase in fees paid to the Radiation Control Program and HCQC. Based on the FY22/23 Agency's Requested Budget, this includes two Health Program Specialist I FTEs in FY23.

7) An explanation of why any duplicative or more stringent provisions than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity are necessary.

Cancer reporting is regulated by federal and state laws. Together these laws establish the requirements for reporting. In the past traditional cancer data collection has been primarily from hospitals. As medical advances have occurred, diagnosis and treatment of certain cancers has moved from the acute care hospital setting to physician/medical office. Nevada statute needs to update and clarify reporting mandates. This will ensure all

incidences of cancers and treatment information is captured and data can be used to plan for prevention and cancer control activities.

Additionally, through the fee structure these regulations will also help support the increasing operational cost of the cancer registry, which is currently funded primarily through federal grant funding which has been diminishing yearly.

8) Provide a summary of the reasons for the conclusions of the agency regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses.

The reason for the conclusion of the agency to remove existing exemptions, thereby requiring providers of health care who diagnose or provide treatment for cancer or other neoplasms to report information to the system established by the Chief Medical Officer regardless of whether the case was referred or previously admitted to a hospital, medical laboratory, or other facility. The effective diagnosis, care, treatment, and cure of persons suffering from cancer is affected with the public interest. It is established that accurate and early diagnosis of many forms of cancer, followed by prompt application of methods of treatment which are scientifically proven, either materially reduces the likelihood of death from cancer or may materially prolong the useful life of individuals suffering therefrom. It is, therefore, in the interest of members of the public that they be afforded full and accurate knowledge of the facilities and methods used for the diagnosis, treatment and cure of cancer which are available in this state and, to that end, that there be provided means for testing and investigating cancer devices, drugs, compounds and other agents, and that the members of the public be informed of facts for their protection from misrepresentation in such matters.

Based on the survey responses the proposed regulations will have some impact on Nevada-Licensed Healthcare Facilities.

Any other persons interested in obtaining a copy of the summary may e-mail, call, or mail in a request to Aundrea Ogushi at the Division of Public and Behavioral Health at:

> Division of Public and Behavioral Health 4126 Technology Way, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89701 Aundrea Ogushi Phone: (775)684-3221 Email: dpbhNCCR@health.nv.gov

Certification by Person Responsible for the Agency

I, Lisa Sherych, Administrator of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health certify to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Signature In Shight Date: 04/07/2022



Director



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Division of Public and Behavioral Health will hold a public workshop to consider amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 457, 459, 449, and 652 (LCB File Number R010-22).

The workshop will be conducted via videoconference beginning at 9:00 am-11:00 am on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at the following locations:

Via Microsoft Teams: Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting¹

Or call in (audio only)

+1 775-321-6111, Access code: 354139507#

Phone Conference ID: 354 139 507#

Workshop will be conducted in accordance with NRS 241.020, Nevada's Open Meeting Law.

AGENDA

- 1. Introduction of workshop process
- 2. Public comment on proposed amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 457, 459,449, and 652 (LCB File Number R010-22)
- 3. Public Comment

The proposed changes will revise Chapters 457, 459, 449, and 652 the NAC (LCB File Number R010-22) and are being proposed in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 457, 459, 449, and 652.

The proposed regulations provide provisions for the following:

1) Brings the proposed regulations in compliance with Assembly Bill (AB) 471 of the 2021 Legislative Session which adds an additional fee of a minimum 6% but not to exceed 8% to the renewal cost of certain health facilities and medical laboratory license renewals to help fund the Nevada Central Cancer Registry (NCCR). Additionally, the proposed regulations clarify language for which entities have an obligation to report cancer cases, as well as revises

¹ Or Join at this link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-

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terminology in reference to submitting cancer case information by further defining the terms known as abstracting and reporting in reference to cancer case submission.

- 2) Section 4 and 5 notes the fee to be assessed for mammography and other radiological machines, surgical center for ambulatory patients, facility for the treatment of irreversible renal disease, facility for hospice care, program of hospice care, hospital, facility for intermediate care, facility for skilled nursing, agency to provide personal care services in the home or a rural clinician and the renewal of a license to operate a medical laboratory except laboratories that only perform waived tests for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).
- 3) Within section 2, clarifying language was added in to better describe which entities must report to the registry, as this has caused confusion in the past. This will now include a provider of healthcare defined in NRS 629, as well as "other treatment facility" which has been added. This regulation further defines the term abstract and report in reference to cancer case submission. Additionally, this regulation also provides guidance as to which entities are required to use which method for cancer case submission. An entity or provider will either be required to submit an abstract or a report, as defined in this regulation.
- 4) This regulation expands the authority of the NCCR to enforce cancer reporting requirements across the board for providers who diagnose or provide treatment for cancer and other neoplasms. This regulation will also provide the registry a means to build sustainable revenue source to support additional positions and overall program operations.

Members of the public may make oral comments at this meeting. Persons wishing to submit written testimony or documentary evidence before the meeting may submit the material to <u>Aundrea Ogushi, Health Program</u> <u>Manager at the following address:</u>

Nevada Central Cancer Registry 4126 Technology Way, Suite 200 Carson City, NV 89706 Telephone: 775-684-5968 Fax:775-684-5999 dpbhNCCR@health.nv.gov

Members of the public who require special accommodations or assistance at the workshops are required to notify to Aundrea Ogushi, Health Program Manager in writing to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, 4126 Technology Way, Suite 200 Carson City, Nevada, 89706 or by calling 775-684-5968 <u>at least five</u> (5) working days prior to the date of the public workshop.

You may contact Aundrea Ogushi by calling 775-684-5968 for further information on the proposed regulations or how to obtain copies of the supporting documents.

A copy of the notice and the proposed regulations are on file for inspection and/or may be copied at the following locations during normal business hours:

List of offices where the proposed regulation will be on file for inspection:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health 4126 Technology Way Suite 100 Carson City, NV 89706

Division of Public and Behavioral Health 3811 W. Charleston Blvd. Suite 205 Las Vegas, NV 89102

A copy of the regulations and small business impact statement can be found on the Division of Public and Behavioral Health's web page:

https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/NCCR/Nevada_Central_Cancer_Registry_Regulation_Public_Workshops_and_Public_Hea rings/

A copy of the public workshop notice can also be found at Nevada Legislature's web page: <u>https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/</u>

A copy of this notice has been posted at the following locations: Division of Public and Behavioral Health, 4126 Technology Way, First Floor Lobby, Carson City and Division of Public and Behavioral Health 3811 W. Charleston Blvd. Second Floor Lobby, Las Vegas.

Copies may be obtained in person, by mail, or by calling the Division of Public and Behavioral Health at (775) 684-5968 in Carson City.

Per NRS 233B.064(2), upon adoption of any regulations, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either prior to adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

Steve Sisolak Governor

Richard Whitley, MS Director



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Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health Nevada Central Cancer Registry Proposed Amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC): 457, 459, 449, & 652 Public Workshop Summary May 26, 2022

In Attendance

- Aundrea Ogushi
- Lindsey Kinsinger
- Rani Reed
- Savannah Pimentel
- Samantha Sato-Carrara
- Jesse Wadhams
- Joan Hall
- Ty Allen
- Penny Begay
- Sarah Scott
- Brittany Walker
- Katia Lektorich
- Cathleen Lynch
- Linda Anderson
- Penny Burke

Public workshop commenced at 9:00 am Via Microsoft Teams.

Savannah Pimentel, Administrative Assistant II with the Nevada Central Cancer Registry (NCCR) within the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, opened the public workshop to consider amendments to Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) File #R010-22, by welcoming participants.

Ms. Pimentel thanked participants for joining the public workshop and expressed the Program's appreciation for everyone's time. She reviewed the administrative rules for the workshop and asked participants to mute their microphones until it was time for public comment. She informed the participants that she would be monitoring the chat for any comments.

Ms. Pimentel also, stated the workshop would be conducted in accordance with NRS 241.020, Nevada's Open Meeting Law. A copy of the regulations, small business impact statement, and this workshop notice were made available on the NCCR webpage,

(https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/NCCR/Nevada Central Cancer Registry Regulation Public Workshops and Public Hearings/) Copies were also available through the Nevada Legislature's website <u>www.leg.state.nv.us</u> and via the Team's chat. Additionally, copies were made available by mail by calling the Division of Public and Behavioral Health at 775-684-5968 in Carson City or in Las Vegas. Regulations were on file and available to view at the Division of Public and Behavioral Health 4126 Technology Way, Suite 200 Carson City NV 89706 and 3811 W. Charleston Blvd, Suite 205 Las Vegas, NV. 89102.

Ms. Pimentel introduced Aundrea Ogushi, Nevada Cancer Registry Program Manager

Aundrea Ogushi stated the purpose of the workshop, which was to solicit input from interested persons on the proposed regulations drafted. She elaborated that following the workshop, the draft regulations are subset to a public hearing rulemaking process conducted by the Board of Health (BOH). Updates regarding this and other related meetings will be posted to the NCCR website. Ms. Ogushi stated the proposed regulations being heard today (May 26, 2022) would be presented at a future Board of Health meeting and appropriate notice would be forthcoming. Ms. Ogushi encouraged any questions regarding the approval process to be submitted to NCCR Staff by visiting the NCCR website.

The proposed revisions to NAC 457, 459, 449, & 652 in accordance with Assembly Bill 471 (AB 471) of the 2021 Legislative session. These proposed amended regulations would bring NCCR back into compliance with AB 471, which adds an additional fee of a minimum of 6 percent, not to exceed 8 percent, to the renewal costs of certain health care facilities and medical laboratories licenses to help fund the NCCR. As such, this fee will be included in renewal applications for 2022. The list of facilities affected are as follows: Surgical centers for ambulatory patients, facilities for treatment of irreversible renal disease, facilities for hospice care, program of hospice care, hospitals and facilities for skilled nursing, agencies to provide personal care services in home, rural clinics, medical labs except for labs that only perform waived HIV testing.

Additionally, these regulations also remove and clarify the confusing language regarding entities obligated to report to the registry by providing clear definitions to be used for understanding of the entity. Ms. Ogushi reiterated that these amended regulations would expand the NCCR authority to enforce cancer registry reporting requirements across the board for providers who diagnose or provide treatment for the cancer or other neoplasms. These regulations will also provide means to build sustainable revenue source to provide additional positions for program operations.

Ms. Ogushi opened the floor for public comment.

Public Comment(s)

Ty Allen with North Vista Hospital asked how to register with the NCCR, Aundrea Ogushi, NCCR Program Manager responded to his question asking that Ty Allen reach out to her directly to get more information for reporting with the NCCR.

Joan Hall with the Nevada Rural Hospital Partners expressed her gratitude towards NCCR staff and spoke in support of the proposed regulations.

Aundrea Ogushi addressed the participants stating if no further comment from the public was available the meeting would be adjourned.

Public workshop adjourned at 9:11a.m.