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Meeting Minutes

Public Workshop

NAC 439A / Senate Bill 379

R060-221

Date of Public Workshop: May 26, 2022; 10:00 am

Name of Organization: State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services,
Division of Health Care Financing and Policy

Place of Meeting: Teleconference/Microsoft TEAMS
Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, 1100 E. William St, 2nd Floor Conference
Room, Carson City, NV 89701

Agenda

- Introduction of workshop process
- Presentation on proposed amendments to NAC 439A
- Public comments
 - Tabor Griswold, University of Nevada Reno
 - If provider chooses to not answer the survey, would it be appropriate to let them know we will be calling them in the future for the HRSA surveys? Response – Yes, we can still conduct phone calls to try and collect the information especially in counties where it is critically needed for the HPSA designations.
 - Dr. Joe Hardy, Senator
 - Does “Shall” only applies to those who are required to provide the data? If they miss a box on the survey, will they be eligible to get their license? Erin Lynch replied - There is no disciplinary action taken for any provider who does not provide the information.
 - Joan Hall, Nevada Rural Hospital Partners
 - We recognize the importance of HPSA designations and don't want to sound negative. Providers don't know the information being requested. The office staff would know a lot of it. Homeless data point they may not know. Migrant farm worker data point would not be known since many will not provide that information to their physician. Physicians don't know who is on sliding fee scale, or office wait times. Overall, office staff would know more on the data being requested than the providers themselves. If providers are not mandated to provide the information, is the Primary Care Office still going to be doing the survey? Erin Lynch replied – Yes, the Primary Care Office will still continue to call providers if information isn't provided. Previously, the information wasn't mandatory and with NAC 439A this information still isn't mandatory. Primary Care Office will still try and collect the information.

- Jennette Belz, Nevada Psychiatric Association
 - Will there be a description on why this information is going to be collected, provide a deeper knowledge of why this is being collected? Erin Lynch replied – Yes, we can provide a summary of why the HPSA survey is important to complete.
- Blayne Osborn, Nevada Rural Hospital Partners
 - Provider of health care definition includes others. NRS 629.031 definition includes every provider type, medical facility. Suggested to add language into regulations to clarify that it only applies to licensees, or individuals, does not apply to facilities when going through their license renewal. Erin Lynch replied – Providers of health care is defined in Section 3 of SB 379. Dr.
- Dr. Antonina Capurro, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
 - Many providers don't know this information being asked and are guess as is. What would be helpful to inform providers ahead of time? Maybe holding workshops, creating a Question-and-Answer form, etc.
- Dr. Joe Hardy, Senator
 - Incentives such as CEUs may be helpful to encourage providers to provide the data.
- Sarah Adler, Belz and Case Government Affairs
 - Seems like the desire is to get information at the facility level, yet we are going through it with individual providers. Does the individual provider provide information on behalf of the facility because this is the person who should receive a full CEU?
- Sue Sanchez, Physician in Minden, NV
 - This physician has the ability to collect this information in her medical practice, but doubtful that providers would spend the time to complete the survey.
- Dr. Joe Hardy, Senator
 - Would this be a companion to AB 278? Dr. Capurro replied – Yes, this survey would be combined with AB 278 to gather the information at the same time.
- Public comment regarding any other issue
 - No comments received
- Adjournment at 10:57am