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Mammography Informational Notice

Date: September 13, 2021
Topic: Genetic Counseling and Testing Notice to be Included with Mammography Examination Results
Contact: John Follette, Manager, Radiation Control Program
To: All owners, lessees, or other persons responsible for a radiation machine used for mammography.

Purpose:

The State of Nevada Radiation Control Program (RCP) is issuing this informational notice to provide owners, lessees, or other persons responsible for a radiation machine used for mammography to be aware of the new requirements of the amended [Nevada Revised Statutes \(NRS\) 457](#) through the passage of the Senate Bill 251 (SB 251) from the 81st Legislative Session (2021), particularly pertaining to Section 2 of the new law.

Background:

SB 251 was passed on March 15, 2021, requiring a notice concerning genetic counseling and testing to be provided with the results of a mammogram advising the adult woman to talk to her doctor about genetic counseling and testing if there is a history of certain types of cancer in her family. Click [here](#) to review the SB 251, which takes effect January 1, 2022.

Discussion:

NRS 457.1857 requires owners, lessees, or other persons responsible for a radiation machine used for mammography to provide a Breast Density Statement to each patient undergoing a mammography examination who meets the criteria of dense breast. SB 251 amends NRS 457.1857 to require each report provided to a patient to contain the following notice concerning genetic counseling and testing:

Ten to twenty percent of all cancers can be categorized as hereditary and the clinical and financial value of identifying patients and families at risk is well documented. If you have a personal or family history of breast, ovarian, fallopian tube, peritoneal or other cancer, please consult your physician regarding genetic counseling and testing.

For more information, contact the Radiation Control Program at (775) 687-7550 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; or email questions to radiationcontrolprogram@health.nv.gov