



Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health Technical Bulletin



Topic: Statement Regarding Breast Density Information to be Provided to Patient

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TO: Nevada Radiation Control Program, Radiation Producing Machine (RPM) Registrants

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The information contained in this bulletin is for all Nevada radiation producing machine registrants under the Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) Chapter 457 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), Chapter 457.

Senate Bill No. 458 passed on July 1, 2015 which changed (NRS) Chapter 457.1857 with regards to the following dense breast reporting to the patient.

Information as follows:

NRS 457.1857 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. If a patient undergoes mammography, the owner, lessee or other person responsible for the radiation machine for mammography that was used to perform the mammography must ensure that each report provided to the patient pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 263b(f)(1)(G)(ii)(IV) includes, without limitation, a statement of the category of the patient’s breast density which is determined based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System or such other guidelines as required by the State Board of Health by regulation, and, as necessary, the notice provided in subsection 2.

2. The notice provided pursuant to subsection 1 must be in the following form:

Your mammogram shows that your breast tissue is dense. Dense breast tissue is common and is not abnormal. However, dense breast tissue can make it harder to evaluate the results of your mammogram and may also be associated with a modestly increased risk of breast cancer. This information about the results of your mammogram is given to you to raise your awareness and to inform your conversations with your physician. Together, you can decide which screening options are right for you. A report of your results was sent to your physician.

The Radiation Control Program will be inspecting your records for compliance with this change during the next inspection at your facility. If you have any questions please call the RCP at (775) 687-7550.

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