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Dear Facility Administrator,

In 2017, Senate Bill 136 was passed establishing the **Nevada Advisory Council on Palliative Care and Quality of Life**. In collaboration with the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), the council has established an informational and educational web page for clinicians as well as the general public.

The link below is to the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council web page, which contains connections to national organizations that provide education about palliative care as well as links to providers of palliative care within Nevada.

<http://dphh.nv.gov/palliativecare/>

SB 136 requires DPBH to encourage hospitals, assisted living facilities and facilities for skilled nursing care with 100 beds or more to educate their physicians, nurses and clinical support staff members regarding palliative care. Licensed clinical staff should have a minimum of 1 hour CME/CEU credit annually in the topic of palliative care.

Enclosed you will find a rack card that explains about SB 136 and provides the web address for publication to your staff and patients to learn more about palliative care and how to access it.

There is an email question box established for specific questions or concerns. The council leadership will attempt to respond to all emails within 72 hours. The address is: dphhpallcare@health.nv.gov.

Thank you,

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Veneta Lepera, BA, BSN, RN
PCQL Council Chair

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