
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 50—COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF THE HEALTH DIVISION)

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the licensure of medical and related health facilities. (BDR 40-445)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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

AN ACT relating to public health; authorizing the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services to collect the actual costs incurred for the enforcement of provisions relating to medical and related health facilities; providing exceptions to the collection of such costs; revising provisions governing homes for individual residential care; requiring facilities for the care of adults during the day to pay fees relating to licensure; repealing certain provisions relating to homes for individual residential care; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 **Section 1** of this bill authorizes the Health Division of the Department of
2 Health and Human Services to charge and collect from medical facilities and
3 facilities for the dependent and persons who operate such facilities without a
4 license the actual costs incurred by the Health Division to enforce the provisions
5 governing licensure and operation of such facilities, including to conduct
6 investigations and inspections of the facilities, unless the enforcement activity is
7 part of the process for the issuance or renewal of a license or is already provided for
8 by money received from the Federal Government. **Section 1** also authorizes the
9 Health Division to use the money collected to pay the costs to the Health Division
10 for administering and carrying out provisions relating to the licensure and operation
11 of such facilities.

12 Existing law requires a home for individual residential care to obtain a license
13 and provides for the investigation and civil prosecution of persons who operate



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14 such homes without a license. (NRS 449.249, 449.2493, 449.2496) **Section 18** of
15 this bill repeals existing laws relating to homes for individual residential care.
16 **Section 2** of this bill requires homes for individual residential care to meet all
17 licensing and operating requirements that are applicable to facilities for the
18 dependent. **Section 7** of this bill provides civil penalties and other actions that may
19 be taken against persons who operate such homes without a license.

20 **Section 3** of this bill requires each application for a license to operate a facility
21 for the care of adults during the day to be accompanied by a fee, which may be
22 prescribed by the State Board of Health.

23 **Section 6** of this bill authorizes the Health Division to require the transfer of
24 patients from a medical facility or facility for the dependent, at the expense of the
25 facility, if the facility has exceeded its approved occupancy.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 449 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Health*
4 *Division may charge and collect from a medical facility or facility*
5 *for the dependent or a person who operates such a facility without*
6 *a license issued by the Health Division the actual costs incurred by*
7 *the Health Division for the enforcement of the provisions of this*
8 *section and NRS 449.001 to 449.240, inclusive, including, without*
9 *limitation, the actual cost of conducting an inspection or*
10 *investigation of the facility.*

11 *2. The Health Division shall not charge and collect the actual*
12 *cost for enforcement pursuant to subsection 1 if the enforcement*
13 *activity is:*

14 *(a) Related to the issuance or renewal of a license for which*
15 *the Board charges a fee pursuant to NRS 449.050 or 449.060; or*

16 *(b) Conducted pursuant to an agreement with the Federal*
17 *Government which has appropriated money for that purpose.*

18 *3. Any money collected pursuant to subsection 1 may be used*
19 *by the Health Division to administer and carry out the provisions*
20 *of this section and NRS 449.001 to 449.240, inclusive, and the*
21 *regulations adopted pursuant thereto.*

22 **Sec. 2.** NRS 449.0045 is hereby amended to read as follows:
23 449.0045 "Facility for the dependent" includes:

- 24 1. A facility for the treatment of abuse of alcohol or drugs;
25 2. A halfway house for recovering alcohol and drug abusers;
26 3. A facility for the care of adults during the day;
27 4. A residential facility for groups;
28 5. An agency to provide personal care services in the
29 home; ~~and~~



1 6. A facility for transitional living for released offenders
2 ~~]; and~~

3 **7. A home for individual residential care.**

4 **Sec. 3.** NRS 449.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 449.050 1. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,~~
6 ~~each]~~ **Each** application for a license must be accompanied by such
7 fee as may be determined by regulation of the Board. The Board
8 may, by regulation, allow or require payment of a fee for a license in
9 installments and may fix the amount of each payment and the date
10 that the payment is due.

11 2. ~~[A facility for the care of adults during the day is exempt~~
12 ~~from the fees imposed by the Board pursuant to this section-~~

13 ~~—3.]~~ The fee imposed by the Board for a facility for transitional
14 living for released offenders must be based on the type of facility
15 that is being licensed and must be calculated to produce the revenue
16 estimated to cover the costs related to the license, but in no case
17 may a fee for a license exceed the actual cost to the Health Division
18 of issuing or renewing the license.

19 ~~[4.]~~ **3.** If an application for a license for a facility for
20 transitional living for released offenders is denied, any amount of
21 the fee paid pursuant to this section that exceeds the expenses and
22 costs incurred by the Health Division must be refunded to the
23 applicant.

24 **Sec. 4.** NRS 449.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 449.070 The provisions of NRS 449.001 to 449.240, inclusive,
26 **and section 1 of this act** do not apply to:

27 1. Any facility conducted by and for the adherents of any
28 church or religious denomination for the purpose of providing
29 facilities for the care and treatment of the sick who depend solely
30 upon spiritual means through prayer for healing in the practice of
31 the religion of the church or denomination, except that such a
32 facility shall comply with all regulations relative to sanitation and
33 safety applicable to other facilities of a similar category.

34 2. Foster homes as defined in NRS 424.014.

35 3. Any medical facility or facility for the dependent operated
36 and maintained by the United States Government or an agency
37 thereof.

38 **Sec. 5.** NRS 449.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 449.160 1. The Health Division may deny an application for
40 a license or may suspend or revoke any license issued under the
41 provisions of NRS 449.001 to 449.240, inclusive, **and section 1 of**
42 **this act** upon any of the following grounds:

43 (a) Violation by the applicant or the licensee of any of the
44 provisions of NRS 439B.410 or 449.001 to 449.245, inclusive, **and**



1 *section 1 of this act*, or of any other law of this State or of the
2 standards, rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

3 (b) Aiding, abetting or permitting the commission of any illegal
4 act.

5 (c) Conduct inimical to the public health, morals, welfare and
6 safety of the people of the State of Nevada in the maintenance and
7 operation of the premises for which a license is issued.

8 (d) Conduct or practice detrimental to the health or safety of the
9 occupants or employees of the facility.

10 (e) Failure of the applicant to obtain written approval from the
11 Director of the Department of Health and Human Services as
12 required by NRS 439A.100 or as provided in any regulation adopted
13 pursuant to this chapter, if such approval is required.

14 (f) Failure to comply with the provisions of NRS 449.2486.

15 2. In addition to the provisions of subsection 1, the Health
16 Division may revoke a license to operate a facility for the dependent
17 if, with respect to that facility, the licensee that operates the facility,
18 or an agent or employee of the licensee:

19 (a) Is convicted of violating any of the provisions of
20 NRS 202.470;

21 (b) Is ordered to but fails to abate a nuisance pursuant to NRS
22 244.360, 244.3603 or 268.4124; or

23 (c) Is ordered by the appropriate governmental agency to correct
24 a violation of a building, safety or health code or regulation but fails
25 to correct the violation.

26 3. The Health Division shall maintain a log of any complaints
27 that it receives relating to activities for which the Health Division
28 may revoke the license to operate a facility for the dependent
29 pursuant to subsection 2. The Health Division shall provide to a
30 facility for the care of adults during the day:

31 (a) A summary of a complaint against the facility if the
32 investigation of the complaint by the Health Division either
33 substantiates the complaint or is inconclusive;

34 (b) A report of any investigation conducted with respect to the
35 complaint; and

36 (c) A report of any disciplinary action taken against the facility.

37 ➤ The facility shall make the information available to the public
38 pursuant to NRS 449.2486.

39 4. On or before February 1 of each odd-numbered year, the
40 Health Division shall submit to the Director of the Legislative
41 Counsel Bureau a written report setting forth, for the previous
42 biennium:

43 (a) Any complaints included in the log maintained by the Health
44 Division pursuant to subsection 3; and



1 (b) Any disciplinary actions taken by the Health Division
2 pursuant to subsection 2.

3 **Sec. 6.** NRS 449.163 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 449.163 1. ~~[(b)]~~ *In addition to the payment of the amount*
5 *required by section 1 of this act, if* a medical facility or facility for
6 the dependent violates any provision related to its licensure,
7 including any provision of NRS 439B.410 or 449.001 to 449.240,
8 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, or any condition, standard or
9 regulation adopted by the Board, the Health Division, in accordance
10 with the regulations adopted pursuant to NRS 449.165, may:

11 (a) Prohibit the facility from admitting any patient until it
12 determines that the facility has corrected the violation;

13 (b) Limit the occupancy of the facility to the number of beds
14 occupied when the violation occurred, until it determines that the
15 facility has corrected the violation;

16 (c) *If the license of the facility limits the occupancy of the*
17 *facility and the facility has exceeded the approved occupancy,*
18 *require the facility, at its own expense, to move patients to another*
19 *facility that is licensed;*

20 (d) Impose an administrative penalty of not more than \$1,000
21 per day for each violation, together with interest thereon at a rate not
22 to exceed 10 percent per annum; and

23 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) Appoint temporary management to oversee the
24 operation of the facility and to ensure the health and safety of the
25 patients of the facility, until:

26 (1) It determines that the facility has corrected the violation
27 and has management which is capable of ensuring continued
28 compliance with the applicable statutes, conditions, standards and
29 regulations; or

30 (2) Improvements are made to correct the violation.

31 2. If a violation by a medical facility or facility for the
32 dependent relates to the health or safety of a patient, an
33 administrative penalty imposed pursuant to paragraph ~~[(e)]~~ (d) of
34 subsection 1 must be in a total amount of not less than \$1,000 and
35 not more than \$10,000 for each patient who was harmed or at risk of
36 harm as a result of the violation.

37 3. If the facility fails to pay any administrative penalty imposed
38 pursuant to paragraph ~~[(e)]~~ (d) of subsection 1, the Health Division
39 may:

40 (a) Suspend the license of the facility until the administrative
41 penalty is paid; and

42 (b) Collect court costs, reasonable attorney's fees and other
43 costs incurred to collect the administrative penalty.

44 4. The Health Division may require any facility that violates
45 any provision of NRS 439B.410 or 449.001 to 449.240, inclusive,



1 *and section 1 of this act*, or any condition, standard or regulation
2 adopted by the Board to make any improvements necessary to
3 correct the violation.

4 5. Any money collected as administrative penalties pursuant to
5 ~~[this section]~~ *paragraph (d) of subsection 1* must be accounted for
6 separately and used to protect the health or property of the residents
7 of the facility in accordance with applicable federal standards.

8 **Sec. 7.** NRS 449.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 449.210 1. ~~[Except]~~ *In addition to the payment of the*
10 *amount required by section 1 of this act, except* as otherwise
11 provided in subsection 2 and NRS 449.24897, a person who
12 operates a medical facility or facility for the dependent without a
13 license issued by the Health Division is guilty of a misdemeanor.

14 2. ~~[A]~~ *In addition to the payment of the amount required by*
15 *section 1 of this act, a* person who operates a residential facility for
16 groups *or a home for individual residential care* without a license
17 issued by the Health Division:

18 (a) Is liable for a civil penalty to be recovered by the Attorney
19 General in the name of the Health Division for the first offense of
20 not more than \$10,000 and for a second or subsequent offense of not
21 less than \$10,000 or more than \$20,000;

22 (b) Shall move all of the persons who are receiving services in
23 the residential facility for groups *or home for individual residential*
24 *care* to a residential facility for groups *or home for individual*
25 *residential care, as applicable*, that is licensed at his or her own
26 expense; and

27 (c) May not apply for a license to operate a residential facility
28 for groups *or home for individual residential care, as applicable*,
29 for a period of 6 months after the person is punished pursuant to this
30 section.

31 3. Unless otherwise required by federal law, the Health
32 Division shall deposit all civil penalties collected pursuant to ~~[this~~
33 ~~section]~~ *paragraph (a) of subsection 2* into a separate account in the
34 State General Fund to be used for the protection of the health, safety
35 and well-being of patients, including residents of residential
36 facilities for groups ~~[]~~ *and homes for individual residential care.*

37 **Sec. 8.** NRS 449.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 449.220 1. The Health Division may bring an action in the
39 name of the State to enjoin any person, state or local government
40 unit or agency thereof from operating or maintaining any facility
41 within the meaning of NRS 449.001 to 449.240, inclusive ~~[]~~, *and*
42 *section 1 of this act:*

43 (a) Without first obtaining a license therefor; or

44 (b) After his or her license has been revoked or suspended by
45 the Health Division.



1 2. It is sufficient in such action to allege that the defendant did,
2 on a certain date and in a certain place, operate and maintain such a
3 facility without a license.

4 **Sec. 9.** NRS 449.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 449.240 The district attorney of the county in which the facility
6 is located shall, upon application by the Health Division, institute
7 and conduct the prosecution of any action for violation of any
8 provisions of NRS 449.001 to 449.245, inclusive ~~{ }~~, *and section 1*
9 *of this act.*

10 **Sec. 10.** NRS 449.2487 is hereby amended to read as
11 follows:

12 449.2487 1. A facility for the dependent, a medical facility ~~{~~
13 ~~a home for individual residential care}~~ or an entity affiliated with
14 such a facility ~~{or home}~~ which offers housing to persons that does
15 not include the provision of care or services which require licensure
16 pursuant to this chapter shall conspicuously post in the facility ~~{or~~
17 ~~home}~~ and shall include in any contracts of sale or agreements for
18 occupancy a notice that includes the following information:

19 (a) That the specific area of the facility ~~{or home}~~ is intended for
20 independent living and does not directly provide or coordinate the
21 oversight of services to meet the scheduled and unscheduled needs
22 of its residents, including, without limitation, the provision of
23 personal care, supportive services and health-related services.

24 (b) The other levels of care that are available to persons who
25 require personal care, supportive services or health-related services,
26 including, without limitation, residential facilities for groups,
27 facilities for intermediate care and facilities for skilled nursing. The
28 notice must describe the facilities and levels of care in language that
29 is easy to understand.

30 (c) A statement that encourages residents to reassess on a
31 regular basis the type of housing and care that is most appropriate
32 for them.

33 2. The Aging and Disability Services Division of the
34 Department of Health and Human Services shall develop the
35 language for the notice required by subsection 1 in consultation with
36 nationally recognized advocacy groups for older persons and
37 housing organizations.

38 3. For the purposes of this section, an entity is affiliated with a
39 facility ~~{or home}~~ described in subsection 1 if:

40 (a) It is under common or shared ownership;

41 (b) It is under common or shared management; or

42 (c) It receives promotional or marketing support from the
43 facility. ~~{or home.}~~



1 **Sec. 11.** NRS 449.700 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 449.700 1. Every medical facility ~~[.]~~ *and* facility for the
3 dependent ~~[and home for individual residential care]~~ must provide
4 the services necessary to treat properly a patient in a particular case
5 or must be able to arrange the transfer of the patient to another
6 facility ~~[or home]~~ which can provide that care.

7 2. A patient may be transferred to another facility ~~[or home]~~
8 only if the patient has received an explanation of the need to transfer
9 the patient and the alternatives available, unless the condition of the
10 patient necessitates an immediate transfer to a facility for a higher
11 level of care and the patient is unable to understand the explanation.

12 **Sec. 12.** NRS 449.705 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 449.705 1. If a patient in a medical facility or facility for the
14 dependent is transferred to another medical facility or facility for
15 the dependent, a division facility or a physician licensed to practice
16 medicine, the facility shall forward a copy of the medical records of
17 the patient, on or before the date the patient is transferred, to the
18 other medical facility or facility for the dependent, the division
19 facility or the physician. The facility is not required to obtain
20 the oral or written consent of the patient to forward a copy of the
21 medical records.

22 2. ~~[If a person receiving services in a home for individual
23 residential care is transferred to another home, the home shall
24 forward a copy of his or her medical records to the other home in
25 the manner provided in subsection 1.~~

26 ~~—3.]~~ As used in this section:

27 (a) “Division facility” means any unit or subunit operated by a
28 division of the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant
29 to title 39 of NRS.

30 (b) “Medical records” includes a medical history of the patient, a
31 summary of the current physical condition of the patient and a
32 discharge summary which contains the information necessary for
33 the proper treatment of the patient.

34 **Sec. 13.** NRS 449.710 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 449.710 Every patient of a medical facility ~~[.]~~ *or* facility for the
36 dependent ~~[or home for individual residential care]~~ has the right to:

37 1. Receive information concerning any other medical or
38 educational facility or facility for the dependent associated with the
39 facility at which he or she is a patient which relates to the care of
40 the patient.

41 2. Obtain information concerning the professional
42 qualifications or associations of the persons who are treating the
43 patient.

44 3. Receive the name of the person responsible for coordinating
45 the care of the patient in the facility . ~~[or home.]~~



1 4. Be advised if the facility in which he or she is a patient
2 proposes to perform experiments on patients which affect the
3 patient's own care or treatment.

4 5. Receive from his or her physician a complete and current
5 description of the patient's diagnosis, plan for treatment and
6 prognosis in terms which the patient is able to understand. If it is not
7 medically advisable to give this information to the patient, the
8 physician shall:

9 (a) Provide the information to an appropriate person responsible
10 for the patient; and

11 (b) Inform that person that he or she shall not disclose the
12 information to the patient.

13 6. Receive from his or her physician the information necessary
14 for the patient to give his or her informed consent to a procedure or
15 treatment. Except in an emergency, this information must not be
16 limited to a specific procedure or treatment and must include:

17 (a) A description of the significant medical risks involved;

18 (b) Any information on alternatives to the treatment or
19 procedure if the patient requests that information;

20 (c) The name of the person responsible for the procedure or
21 treatment; and

22 (d) The costs likely to be incurred for the treatment or procedure
23 and any alternative treatment or procedure.

24 7. Examine the bill for his or her care and receive an
25 explanation of the bill, whether or not the patient is personally
26 responsible for payment of the bill.

27 8. Know the regulations of the facility ~~{or home}~~ concerning
28 his or her conduct at the facility. ~~{or home.}~~

29 9. Receive, within reasonable restrictions as to time and place,
30 visitors of the patient's choosing, including, without limitation,
31 friends and members of the patient's family.

32 **Sec. 14.** NRS 449.715 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 449.715 1. If, as a result of the incapacitation of a patient or
34 the inability of a patient to communicate, the patient of a medical
35 facility ~~{}~~ or facility for the dependent ~~{or home for individual~~
36 ~~residential care}~~ who is 18 years of age or older is unable to inform
37 the staff of the facility ~~{or home}~~ of the persons whom the patient
38 authorizes to visit the patient at the facility, ~~{or home,}~~ the facility
39 ~~{or home}~~ shall allow visitation rights to any person designated by
40 the patient in a letter, form or other document authorizing visitation
41 executed in accordance with subsection 2. The visitation rights
42 required by this subsection must be:

43 (a) Provided in accordance with the visitation policies of the
44 facility ; ~~{or home;}~~ and



1 (b) The same visitation rights that are provided to a member of
2 the patient's family who is legally related to the patient.

3 2. A person 18 years of age or older wishing to designate a
4 person for the purposes of establishing visitation rights in a medical
5 facility or facility for the dependent ~~for home for individual~~
6 ~~residential care~~ may execute a letter, form or other document
7 authorizing visitation in substantially the following form:
8

9 (Date).....

10 I,, (patient who is designating another person
11 as having visitation rights of the patient) do hereby designate
12 (person who is being designated as having
13 visitation rights of the patient) as having the right to visit me in a
14 medical facility or facility for the dependent . ~~for home for~~
15 ~~individual residential care.~~ I hereby instruct all staff of a medical
16 facility or facility for the dependent ~~for home for individual~~
17 ~~residential care~~ in which I am a patient to admit
18 (person who is being designated as having
19 visitation rights of the patient) to my room and afford him or her the
20 same visitation rights as are provided to members of my family who
21 are legally related to me during my time as a patient.
22

23 (Signed)

24 **Sec. 15.** NRS 449.720 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 449.720 1. Every patient of a medical facility or facility
26 for the dependent ~~for home for individual residential care~~ has the
27 right to:

- 28 (a) Receive considerate and respectful care.
- 29 (b) Refuse treatment to the extent permitted by law and to be
30 informed of the consequences of that refusal.
- 31 (c) Refuse to participate in any medical experiments conducted
32 at the facility.
- 33 (d) Retain his or her privacy concerning the patient's program of
34 medical care.
- 35 (e) Have any reasonable request for services reasonably satisfied
36 by the facility ~~for home~~ considering its ability to do so.
- 37 (f) Receive continuous care from the facility . ~~for home.~~ The
38 patient must be informed:

39 (1) Of the patient's appointments for treatment and the
40 names of the persons available at the facility ~~for home~~ for those
41 treatments; and

42 (2) By his or her physician or an authorized representative of
43 the physician, of the patient's need for continuing care.

44 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 108.640, 239.0115,
45 439.538, 442.300 to 442.330, inclusive, and 449.705 and chapter



1 629 of NRS, discussions of the care of a patient, consultation with
2 other persons concerning the patient, examinations or treatments,
3 and all communications and records concerning the patient are
4 confidential. The patient must consent to the presence of any person
5 who is not directly involved with the patient's care during any
6 examination, consultation or treatment.

7 **Sec. 16.** NRS 449.730 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 449.730 1. Every medical facility ~~[]~~ and facility for the
9 dependent ~~[and home for individual residential care]~~ shall inform
10 each patient or the patient's legal representative, upon the admission
11 of the patient to the facility, ~~[or home,]~~ of the patient's rights as
12 listed in NRS 449.700, 449.710, 449.715 and 449.720.

13 2. In addition to the requirements of subsection 1, if a person
14 with a disability is a patient at a facility, as that term is defined in
15 NRS 449.771, the facility shall inform the patient of his or her rights
16 pursuant to NRS 449.765 to 449.786, inclusive.

17 3. In addition to the requirements of subsections 1 and 2, every
18 hospital shall, upon the admission of a patient to the hospital,
19 provide to the patient or the patient's legal representative a written
20 disclosure approved by the Director, which written disclosure must
21 set forth:

22 (a) Notice of the existence of the Bureau for Hospital Patients
23 created pursuant to NRS 223.575;

24 (b) The address and telephone number of the Bureau; and

25 (c) An explanation of the services provided by the Bureau,
26 including, without limitation, the services for dispute resolution
27 described in subsection 3 of NRS 223.575.

28 4. In addition to the requirements of subsections 1, 2 and 3,
29 every hospital shall, upon the discharge of a patient from the
30 hospital, provide to the patient or the patient's legal representative a
31 written disclosure approved by the Director, which written
32 disclosure must set forth:

33 (a) If the hospital is a major hospital:

34 (1) Notice of the reduction or discount available pursuant to
35 NRS 439B.260, including, without limitation, notice of the criteria a
36 patient must satisfy to qualify for a reduction or discount under that
37 section; and

38 (2) Notice of any policies and procedures the hospital may
39 have adopted to reduce charges for services provided to persons or
40 to provide discounted services to persons, which policies and
41 procedures are in addition to any reduction or discount required to
42 be provided pursuant to NRS 439B.260. The notice required by this
43 subparagraph must describe the criteria a patient must satisfy to
44 qualify for the additional reduction or discount, including, without
45 limitation, any relevant limitations on income and any relevant



1 requirements as to the period within which the patient must arrange
2 to make payment.

3 (b) If the hospital is not a major hospital, notice of any policies
4 and procedures the hospital may have adopted to reduce charges for
5 services provided to persons or to provide discounted services to
6 persons. The notice required by this paragraph must describe the
7 criteria a patient must satisfy to qualify for the reduction or
8 discount, including, without limitation, any relevant limitations on
9 income and any relevant requirements as to the period within which
10 the patient must arrange to make payment.

11 ➤ As used in this subsection, "major hospital" has the meaning
12 ascribed to it in NRS 439B.115.

13 5. In addition to the requirements of subsections 1 to 4,
14 inclusive, every hospital shall post in a conspicuous place in each
15 public waiting room in the hospital a legible sign or notice in
16 14-point type or larger, which sign or notice must:

17 (a) Provide a brief description of any policies and procedures the
18 hospital may have adopted to reduce charges for services provided
19 to persons or to provide discounted services to persons, including,
20 without limitation:

21 (1) Instructions for receiving additional information
22 regarding such policies and procedures; and

23 (2) Instructions for arranging to make payment;

24 (b) Be written in language that is easy to understand; and

25 (c) Be written in English and Spanish.

26 **Sec. 17.** NRS 654.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 654.190 1. The Board may, after notice and a hearing as
28 required by law, impose an administrative fine of not more than
29 \$10,000 for each violation on, recover reasonable investigative fees
30 and costs incurred from, suspend, revoke, deny the issuance or
31 renewal of or place conditions on the license of, and place on
32 probation or impose any combination of the foregoing on any
33 nursing facility administrator or administrator of a residential
34 facility for groups who:

35 (a) Is convicted of a felony relating to the practice of
36 administering a nursing facility or residential facility or of any
37 offense involving moral turpitude.

38 (b) Has obtained his or her license by the use of fraud or deceit.

39 (c) Violates any of the provisions of this chapter.

40 (d) Aids or abets any person in the violation of any of the
41 provisions of NRS 449.001 to 449.240, inclusive, *and section 1 of*
42 *this act*, as those provisions pertain to a facility for skilled nursing,
43 facility for intermediate care or residential facility for groups.

44 (e) Violates any regulation of the Board prescribing additional
45 standards of conduct for nursing facility administrators or



1 administrators of residential facilities for groups, including, without
2 limitation, a code of ethics.

3 (f) Engages in conduct that violates the trust of a patient or
4 resident or exploits the relationship between the nursing facility
5 administrator or administrator of a residential facility for groups and
6 the patient or resident for the financial or other gain of the licensee.

7 2. The Board shall give a licensee against whom proceedings
8 are brought pursuant to this section written notice of a hearing
9 pursuant to NRS 233B.121 and 241.034. A licensee may waive, in
10 writing, his or her right to attend the hearing.

11 3. The Board may compel the attendance of witnesses or the
12 production of documents or objects by subpoena. The Board may
13 adopt regulations that set forth a procedure pursuant to which the
14 Chair of the Board may issue subpoenas on behalf of the Board.
15 Any person who is subpoenaed pursuant to this subsection may
16 request the Board to modify the terms of the subpoena or grant
17 additional time for compliance.

18 4. An order that imposes discipline and the findings of fact and
19 conclusions of law supporting that order are public records.

20 5. The expiration of a license by operation of law or by order
21 or decision of the Board or a court, or the voluntary surrender of a
22 license, does not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with
23 any investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding against, the
24 licensee or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license.

25 **Sec. 18.** NRS 449.249, 449.2493 and 449.2496 are hereby
26 repealed.

27 **Sec. 19.** Any regulations relating to homes for individual
28 residential care adopted by the State Board of Health pursuant to
29 NRS 449.249 before January 1, 2012, remain in effect and may be
30 enforced on and after January 1, 2012, as if adopted by the State
31 Board of Health pursuant to NRS 449.037.

32 **Sec. 20.** A license to operate a home for individual residential
33 care issued before January 1, 2012, pursuant to the provisions of
34 NRS 449.249, 449.2493 and 449.2496 remains in effect after that
35 date as if the license had been issued pursuant to the provisions of
36 NRS 449.001 to 449.240, inclusive, and section 1 of this act, and the
37 holder of the license shall, on and after January 1, 2012, comply
38 with the provisions of NRS 449.001 to 449.240, inclusive, and
39 section 1 of this act, and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

40 **Sec. 21.** This act becomes effective on January 1, 2012.



TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

449.249 License required for operation of home; application for license; minimal standards for licensing.

1. A person, state or local government or agency thereof shall not operate a home for individual residential care without first obtaining a license for the home from the Health Division. An application for the license must be made in the manner provided in NRS 449.040.

2. The State Board of Health shall adopt minimal standards for licensing that provide for care and sanitation to prevent the abuse, neglect or exploitation of residents of homes for individual residential care.

449.2493 Authority of Health Division and Aging and Disability Services Division of Department of Health and Human Services. The Health Division and the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services may:

1. Investigate any complaints against a home for individual residential care and, when conducting such an investigation, may inspect the home during normal business hours, with or without notice.

2. Report to an appropriate state or local agency any violations of state or local laws or regulations discovered during an investigation conducted pursuant to this section.

449.2496 Penalties for unlicensed operation or maintenance of home.

1. A person who operates or maintains a home for individual residential care without a license issued by the Health Division pursuant to NRS 449.249 is liable for a civil penalty, to be recovered by the Attorney General in the name of the Health Division, for the first offense of \$10,000 and for a second or subsequent offense of not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$20,000.

2. Unless otherwise required by federal law, the Health Division shall deposit civil penalties collected pursuant to this section into a separate account in the State General Fund in the State Treasury to be used for the protection of the health, safety, well-being and property of patients, including residents of facilities found deficient by the Health Division.

3. A person against whom a civil penalty is assessed by the court pursuant to subsection 1:



(a) Shall move, at that person's own expense, all persons receiving services in the home for individual residential care to a licensed home for individual residential care.

(b) May not apply for a license to operate a home for individual residential care until 6 months have elapsed since the penalty was assessed.

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