PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted NRS 616A.400; NRS 616A.405; NRS 233B.100; NRS 233B.120.

A REGULATION adding new provisions to Chapter 616C of NAC regarding providing medical benefits by telemedicine.

- **Section 1.** Chapter 616C of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections _____ to ____, inclusive, in this regulation.
- Sec. 2. "Telemedicine services" defined. Telemedicine services are services provided to an injured employee at an originating site, rural healthcare facility by a consulting physician or chiropractor located at a distant site in an urban healthcare facility and medical information is communicated between the injured employee and consulting physician or chiropractor in real-time with the use of simultaneous interactive audio and video communication equipment.
- Sec. 3. Telemedicine services for each appointment must be:
- 1. Authorized at least 5 business days in advance in writing by the insurer or third party administrator.
- 2. Approved at least 5 business days in advance in writing by the injured employee, unless the injured employee and insurer or third-party administrator agree to a shorter period. Sec. 4. Unless otherwise authorized by the insurer or third-party administrator, the physician or chiropractor at the originating site where the injured employee is located shall be considered the treating physician or chiropractor.

Sec. 5. Telemedicine services shall be paid if they are authorized as described in section 3 of this regulation. The injured employee must be present throughout the evaluation. Payment is as described in the current Medical Fee Schedule.