

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF
THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH**

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

AUTHORITY: §§ 1-4, NRS 449.0302.

A REGULATION relating to health care; adopting certain publications by reference; establishing certain standards for rural clinics; requiring rural clinics to comply with certain laws, ordinances and codes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the State Board of Health to adopt regulations governing the licensing and operation of medical facilities and facilities for the dependent. (NRS 449.0302) Existing law defines: (1) medical facilities to include rural clinics; and (2) rural clinics as facilities located in areas not designated as urban areas by the Bureau of the Census, where medical services are provided by a physician assistant or an advanced practice registered nurse under the supervision of a licensed physician. (NRS 449.0151, 449.0175) Under existing law, the State Board of Health must require that the practices and policies of each medical facility and facility for the dependent adequately provide for the protection of the health, safety and physical, moral and mental well-being of each person accommodated by a facility. (NRS 449.0302)

Section 2 of this regulation adopts by reference multiple federal regulations that define certain terms and create standards of care for rural clinics. **Section 3** of this regulation creates a standard for sanitation at rural clinics. **Section 3** further requires rural clinics to develop and carry out programs to prevent, control and investigate the spread of infections and communicable diseases. **Section 4** of this regulation requires rural clinics to comply with all applicable laws, local ordinances and codes.

Section 1. Chapter 449 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this regulation.

Sec. 2. *1. Rural clinics shall comply with the provisions of 42 C.F.R. §§ 440.150, 440.155 and 483.410 to 483.480, inclusive, as those provisions existed on June 3, 2026, which are hereby adopted by reference.*

2. Copies of the regulations adopted by reference pursuant to subsection 1 are available, free of charge, at the Internet address <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV>, or, if that Internet address ceases to exist, from the Division.

3. If any publication adopted by reference in subsection 1 is revised, the Division shall review the revision to determine its suitability for this State. If the Division determines that the revision is not suitable for this State, the Division shall hold a public hearing to review its determination and give notice of that hearing within 90 days after the date of the publication of the revision. If, after the hearing, the Division does not revise its determination, the Division shall give notice that the revision is not suitable for this State within 90 days after the hearing. If the Division does not give such notice, the revision becomes part of the publication adopted by reference pursuant to subsection 1.

Sec. 3. *A rural clinic shall:*

1. Provide a sanitary environment to avoid sources and transmission of infections and communicable diseases; and

2. Develop and carry out an active program for the prevention, control and investigation of infections and communicable diseases.

Sec. 4. *A rural clinic shall comply with all applicable:*

1. Federal and state laws;

2. Local ordinances, including, without limitation, zoning ordinances; and

3. Life safety, environmental, health, fire and local building codes.