

**REVISED 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 Board 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 in a facility. (NRS 449.0302)

Section 2 of this regulation adopts by reference 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 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. §§ 491.1 to 491.12, inclusive, as those provisions existed on July 1, 2026, which are hereby adopted by reference.*

2. Copies of the regulations adopted by reference in subsection 1 are available, free of charge, at the Internet address www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV/subchapter-G/part-491/subpart-A/, or, if that Internet address ceases to exist, from the Division.

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.