

For the record my name is Don Butterfield, Director of Business Development for Reno Behavioral Healthcare Hospital. Today I'm here on behalf of Steve Shell, CEO of Reno Behavioral Healthcare Hospital and President of the Board of Directors of NAMI Nevada. Unfortunately, Nevada ranks last in the nation for mental health overall and ranks 47<sup>th</sup> for access to mental health care. Our state can and must do better. Currently, Medicaid patients in rural Nevada have Fee-for-Service Medicaid, and some Medicaid patients in the urban areas also have Fee-for-Service Medicaid; however, Fee-for-Service Medicaid will not cover the cost of patients ages 21-64 at free standing psychiatric hospitals. This has been the case since the 1960s, and we are long overdue for a change. It is important to note that all adults who have managed Medicaid, whether they are between ages 21-64 or not, are able to receive care at free-standing psychiatric hospitals. It is imperative that we increase access for all Nevadans by figuring out a way for Fee-for-Service Medicaid to reimburse for care at these free-standing facilities. I am also here to express my full support for the Crisis Now Model which is an innovative approach to mental health and addiction assessment, triage and care. We need innovative treatment models and expanded access to truly address our state's mental health and addiction issues.

Thank you for your time and consideration.