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MEMORANDUM

To: Assemblywoman Sarah Peters, Chair, Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

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Re: Follow-up Responses for March 24, 2022, Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services Meeting

The following items are provided in response to presentations made at the March 24, 2022, meeting of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

Assemblywoman Robin Titus requested information regarding whether crisis stabilization units (CSUs) can medically clear and manage individuals with health care concerns.

Yes. Crisis stabilization units can medically clear and manage individuals with health care concerns pursuant to the adoption of Senate Bill 156 of the 2021 Legislative Session. Such authorization was made in Nevada Revised Statutes 449.0915(3).

Nevada Revised Statutes 449.0915(3) indicates: An endorsement as a crisis stabilization center may only be issued if the hospital to which the endorsement will apply:

- (f) Performs an initial assessment on any patient who presents at the hospital, regardless of the severity of the behavioral health issues that the patient is experiencing;
- (g) Has the equipment and personnel necessary to conduct a medical examination of a patient pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 433A.165; and
- (h) Considers whether each patient would be better served by another facility and transfer a patient to another facility when appropriate.

The Division of Public and Behavioral Health now includes the above as criterium for a hospital to obtain an endorsement as a crisis stabilization center.

Assemblywoman Sarah Peters requested information regarding the upcoming Governor Sisolak's Healthcare Provider Summit so that Legislators may participate.

Governor Sisolak's Healthcare Provider Summit is scheduled for April 19, 2022, in Las Vegas. Registration for this free event is currently open and individuals can register at <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/providers-summit/>