

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE DIVISION OF MENTAL
HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

Pursuant to NRS 433A.165 Chapter 433A of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections ____ to ____ inclusive, of this regulation.

NAC 433A.### “Emergency Services or Care” defined. *“Emergency Services or Care” means care which includes, assessing life threatening and nonlife-threatening medical conditions, establishing and maintaining patients airway and ventilation, rendering cardiopulmonary resuscitation, controlling bleeding, treating shock and poisoning, dressing and bandaging wounds, and splinting fractures, invasive procedures and the administration of certain medications for acute life-threatening conditions under the supervision of a physician or a registered nurse supervised by a physician, advanced invasive procedures for cardiopulmonary emergencies, the administration of additional medications for acute and chronic medical conditions, and the recognition of arrhythmia and therapeutic intervention under the supervision of a physician or a registered nurse supervised by a physician.*

NAC 433A.### “Appropriate Medical Facility for providing medical care not deemed to require emergency services or care” defined. *“Appropriate Medical Facility for providing medical care not deemed to require emergency services or care” means a Facility for Modified Medical Detoxification Services as defined by NRS 499.00385 meeting the specifications of NAC 433A.### or a Hospital as defined in NRS 449.012 meeting the specifications of NAC 433A.###.*

NAC 433A.### “Facility for Modified Medical Detoxification Services” defined. *“Facility for Modified Medical Detoxification Services” as used in NAC 433A.### means a facility which meets the following specifications:*

- 1. A locked Facility, licensed as a Facility for Modified Medical Detoxification as certified by the Division of Health;*
- 2. Has the ability to diagnosis all medical conditions, treat all non-emergency medical conditions, and send all emergency medical conditions to a general hospital emergency room;*
- 3. Has the ability to provide IV fluids and medications;*
- 4. Has the ability to obtain stat laboratory evaluations;*
- 5. Provides medical treatment and medical stabilization for non emergency medical conditions in psychiatric clients prior to admission in a psychiatric facility;*
- 6. Has a physician in the facility at all hours of operation;*
- 7. Has a psychiatrist in the facility at least ten hours each day and provides psychiatric on call consultation at all times;*
- 8. Has a Director of Nursing with a Masters Degree in Nursing and a minimum of two years Psychiatric experience and two years of medical nursing experience or a Bachelors degree in Nursing and four years of Psychiatric experience and four years in Medical nursing experience;*

9. *Has shift supervisors with at least two years of medical nursing experience and two years of Psychiatric nursing experience;*
10. *The staffing ratio is at least three to one on all nursing shifts;*
11. *Must complete a physical examination of the patient within two hours of admission by a licensed physician, licensed physicians assistant, or an advanced practice nurse the latter two being under the supervision of the on site licensed physician;*
12. *Stat laboratory tests and stat radiological services must be available at all times;*
13. *Pharmaceutical services must be available at all times and cover all psychiatric situations and non emergency medical situations;*
14. *Must provide nursing units for the clients constructed in accordance with AIA guidelines;*
15. *Must have at least two seclusion rooms constructed in accordance with AIA Guideline 11.2C;*
16. *Must have a licensed clinical social worker on site at all times;*
17. *Nursing staff must be trained in providing general medical care as well as psychiatric care;*
18. *Physical plant which houses patients for overnight stay; and*
19. *Physical plant which includes rooms for seclusion and restraint.*

NAC 433A.### “Hospital” defined. *“Hospital” as used in NAC 433A.### means a facility which meets the following specifications:*

1. *Must be licensed as a Hospital as certified by the Division of Health;*
2. *Must have a separate locked unit/program which provides medical care not deemed to require emergency services or care;*
3. *Must have a physician in the facility and onsite availability to the specialized program at all hours of operations;*
4. *Must have a psychiatrist in the facility at least ten hours each day and provide psychiatric on call consultation at all times;*
5. *The Nursing Program Manager will have a Master degree in Nursing and a minimum of two years Psychiatric experience and two years of Medical nursing experience or a Bachelors degree in Nursing and four years of Psychiatric experience and four years in Medical nursing experience;*
6. *The shift supervisors must have at least two years of medical nursing experience and two years of Psychiatric nursing experience;*
7. *The staffing ratio is at least three to one on all nursing shifts;*
8. *Must complete a physical examination of the patient within two hours of admission by a licensed physician, licensed physicians assistant, or an advanced practice nurse the latter two being under the supervision of the on site licensed physician;*
9. *Stat laboratory tests and stat radiological services must be available at all times;*
10. *Pharmaceutical services must be available at all times and cover all psychiatric situations and non emergency medical situations;*
11. *Must provide nursing units for the clients constructed in accordance with AIA guidelines;*
12. *Must have at least two seclusion rooms constructed in accordance with AIA Guideline 11.2C; and*
13. *Must have a licensed clinical social worker on site at all times.*