

**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 449.037.

A REGULATION relating to hospice care; revising regulatory provisions for consistency with statutory provisions; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. Chapter 449 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

“Palliative services” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.0156.

Sec. 2. NAC 449.017 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.017 As used in NAC 449.017 to 449.0188, inclusive, *and section 1 of this regulation*, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NAC 449.0171 to 449.0178, inclusive, *and section 1 of this regulation* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 3. NAC 449.0178 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.0178 “Terminally ill” ~~[means a medical diagnosis made by a physician that a person has an anticipated life expectancy of not more than 6 months.]~~ *has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.0195.*

Sec. 4. NAC 449.0185 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.0185 A program of hospice care must comply with the following requirements:

1. A qualified person must be available when required to evaluate the dietary patterns of each patient and plan diets to meet the individual nutritional needs of each patient.
2. Each patient must be advised regarding the availability of pastoral care.
3. Bereavement services must be available to each member of a patient's family after the patient dies to provide appropriate counseling.
4. Nursing care must be provided by a registered nurse or under the supervision of a registered nurse.
5. A social worker must provide social services to each patient in the program under the direction of the interdisciplinary team.
6. The services of:
 - (a) A physical therapist;
 - (b) An occupational therapist; and
 - (c) A speech and language pathologist,↪ must be provided when such services are prescribed for a patient by his physician.
7. Home health aide and homemaker services must be available to each patient and provided at intervals which meet the needs of each patient. A registered nurse must:
 - (a) Supervise the persons providing such services; and
 - (b) Prepare written instructions for the persons providing such services which identify the duties they are to perform.
8. Arrangements must be made to provide any medical supplies and appliances which are required by a patient, including any drug or biological needed for palliative services . ~~as defined in NRS 449.0115.~~