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Dear Nevada health care providers:

The Nevada Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP / Nevada Medicaid) is developing regulations in NAC Chapter 439A (Planning for the Provision of Health Care) as allowed in <u>Senate Bill (SB) 379</u> from the 81st legislative session. SB 379 requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to establish and maintain a database of information, collected via an optional survey, from health care applicants during the renewal of a license, certificate, or registration as a provider of health care. Furthermore, SB 379 allows DHHS to collect additional information from health care providers on this optional survey, but must be approved through the regulation process. The additional information being proposed in NAC 439A regulation is for the annual health professional shortage area designations.

Part of the regulation process is to determine whether the proposed regulation is likely to impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business or directly restrict the formation operation or expansion of a small business. Small business is defined as fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees. This impact is determined via a Small Business Impact Questionnaire. This Small Business Impact Questionnaire is also optional but allows the DHCFP to gather feedback from small businesses.

Enclosed is the Small Business Impact Questionnaire and the proposed regulations for NAC 439A. For health care providers with a business with fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees, the DHCFP is kindly asking for input regarding the impact of this proposed regulation.

Electronic copies of SB 379, the Small Business Impact Questionnaire, and the proposed NAC 439A regulations are posted online at https://dhcfp.nv.gov/Public/Home/.

Questionnaire responses are due back by May 9, 2022 and can be submitted via email to nvpco@health.nv.gov.

Questions can also be submitted to nvpco@health.nv.gov or (775) 350-0786.

Sincerely,

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