

Good afternoon,

I attended today's discussion of the proposed regulation regarding the interoperability of electronic health information in Nevada. Unfortunately, adopting the Culinary Fund perception of the intent of AB7 would result in essentially no health data exchange between sites of care because almost no patients in Nevada would initiate exchange of information between their health services providers. The result would be like returning to the world of paper records only.

When Nevadans are sick or injured they are unable to do the onerous tasks of contacting offices of places they previously received care to send medical records of their tests and treatments to their current health service providers. With our severe provider shortages in Nevada, those offices have no time or resources to copy and send the information requested by individual patients in a timely manner to help these patients. Patients would suffer serious complications that are avoidable with modern electronic communication services. This is seriously dangerous.

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