PROPOSED PERMANENT REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE FUND FOR HOSPITAL CARE TO INDIGENT PERSONS

LCB File No. R054-10

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND REGULATIONS NOTICE OF WORKSHOP AND NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees for the Fund for Hospital Care to Indigent Persons (Board) will hold a WORKSHOP on **Thursday**, **July 22**, **2010**, **at 10:00 a.m.**, at the offices of the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO), 201 South Roop Street, Room 101, Carson City, Nevada. The purpose of this workshop is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the attached proposed revisions to NAC 428 relating to the Fund for Hospital Care to Indigent Persons; revising provisions relating to eligibility for and payment of reimbursements for hospital care; adopting by reference the <u>Current Procedural Terminology</u> of the American Medical Association; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will also hold a HEARING on **Thursday, August 5, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.**, at the offices of NACO, 201 South Roop Street, Room 101, Carson City, Nevada, at which time interested persons may appear and be heard. Members of the Board may participate in the meeting by telephone. Members of the public may also submit written comments to NACO at the same address on or before August 2, 2010.

A copy of this notice and the proposed regulations will be on file at the State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the proposed regulations will be available at NACO, 201 South Roop Street, Room 101, Carson City, Nevada, and at the main public library in all counties for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours.

Carson City – 900 N. Roop St., Carson City, NV 89701 Churchill – 553 S. Maine Street, Fallon, NV 89406 Clark – 1401 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89119

Douglas – 1625 Library Lane, Minden, NV 89423

Elko - 720 Court Street, Elko, NV 89801

Esmeralda – Crook and Fourth Street, Goldfield, NV 89013

Eureka – 10190 Monroe Street, Eureka, NV 89316

Humboldt - 85 E. Fifth St., Winnemucca, NV 89445

Lander – 625 S. Broad St., Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Lincoln – 63 Main Street, Pioche, NV 89043

Lyon – 20 Nevin Way, Yerington, NV 89447

Mineral – 110 First Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415

Nye – 167 South Central Street, Tonopah NV 89049

Pershing – 1125 Central Avenue, Lovelock, NV 89419

Storey -95 South "R" Street, Virginia City, NV 89440

Washoe – 301 South Center Street, Reno NV 89501 White Pine – 950 Campton Street, Ely, NV 89301

Members of the public who are disabled and require accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify the Nevada Association of Counties in writing or by calling 775-883-7863 no later than five working days prior to the workshop or meeting.

Pursuant to NRS 233B.064(2) upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

1. The need for and the purpose of the proposed regulation or amendment.

The existing regulation was last amended in 1990. The proposed amended regulation is intended to reflect how motor vehicle crashes are reported, particularly in the rural areas of Nevada, update current physician billing rates, and streamline the procedures for processing claims for reimbursements from hospitals, physicians and other providers that treat indigent motor vehicle crash victims.

2. Either the terms or the substance of the regulations to be adopted, amended, or repealed, or a description of the subjects and issues involved.

Revising provisions relating to eligibility for and payment of reimbursements for hospital care; adopting by reference the <u>Current Procedural Terminology</u> of the American Medical Association.

- 3. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the businesses which it is to regulate and on the public.
- **a.** Adverse and beneficial effects: No adverse impacts are anticipated. Physicians can receive a larger reimbursement for their claims for treating indigent motor vehicle crash victims that are approved by the Board. Also, hospitals and physicians may be reimbursed for treating indigents who are in motor vehicle crashes that are documented by emergency personnel.
- c. Immediate effects and Long term effects: See 3a. Adverse and Beneficial Impacts
- **4.** The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation. It is not anticipated that the Board will see any increased costs as a result of these changes.
- 5. A description of and citation to any regulations of other state or local governmental agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the notice must include the name of the regulating federal agency.

The proposed regulation would not duplicate the regulations of any other state or federal agency.

6. If the regulation is required pursuant to federal law, a citation and description of the federal law.

The proposed regulation is not required pursuant to federal law.

7. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

There is no federal regulation that regulates the same activity.

8. Whether the proposed regulation establishes a new fee or increases an existing fee.

The proposed regulation does not impose any new fee or increase any existing fee.