



SB 419, Nevada Health Opportunities, Planning, and Expansion (HOPE) Act of 2023

Background

Nevada's health care infrastructure and residents have taken a blow since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. This brought the issue of whether our healthcare system is equipped to deliver efficiency and provide Nevadans access to care including individuals who were disproportionately affected by the pandemic. As the aftereffects of the pandemic continue to sweep through Nevada, the way our healthcare system works has shown to be ill-fitted for the post-pandemic world. Policy makers are in a unique position to build-up our health care infrastructure and support our Nevada community.

The purpose of this bill:

- Pave the way for Nevada to be a leader in health information technology, biotechnology, and digital health to invest in the jobs of tomorrow
- Reduce the burden of uncompensated care for critical health systems and support the delivery of care to significantly reduce cost-shifting
- Align health information systems and clinical institutions to ensure patients can receive real-time access to their personal data
- Ensure all individuals, regardless of their background or citizenship status, receive access to care to build equity

Solution

The solution is to improve Nevada's healthcare infrastructure and expand access to care. Providers will benefit by having behind the scenes processes structured in a more streamlined and efficient manner with the help of technology reducing costs and time. Patients will benefit by having more access to care and personal data.

Key Bill Proposal

- DHHS can work with health providers and third parties to build the interoperability of health information → Nevadans should have access to their health records directly from their provider anywhere at anytime
- Expand coverage to all Nevadans and our most at-risk communities → Nevadans' background or citizenship status has no bearing
- COVID-19 has shown the importance of public health modernization → The Nevada Innovation Hub can set our state up for public-private partnerships to improve health outcomes
- Build our health care capacity → Patients deserve to receive adequate care in-state and should not be forced to travel outside of Nevada, The HOPE Act will provide companies with the opportunity to apply for tax incentives to build more facilities, hire more doctors, and support entrepreneurship