



# Memorandum #24-07

**Date:** October 25, 2007

**To:** SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH

**From:** Rory Chetelat, MA, EMS Manager/Acting Director, Division of Community Health  
Lawrence Sands, DO, MPH, Chief Health Officer *WS*

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**Subject:** Public Hearing to Consider/Adopt Amendments to District Emergency Medical Services Regulation 1300.570 "Patient Transport"

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## I. BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 458 of the 2005 Legislative Session enacted the statutory requirement for tracking hospital wait times and also required the State Health Division to conduct a study to identify both the causes of excessive wait times and any corrective actions that might eliminate excessive wait times.

Senate Bill 244 of the 2007 Legislative Session requires the Southern Nevada Health District Office of Emergency Medical Services & Trauma System to adopt regulations prescribing the duties and responsibilities for providers of emergency medical services located in the county to carry out the provisions as set forth in the regulations.

The State Health Division has delegated to the Southern Nevada Health District Office of Emergency Medical Services & Trauma System the responsibility of collecting data relating to hospital wait times, and the surrounding circumstances for such wait times each time a person is transported to a hospital by a provider of emergency medical services.

## II. RECOMMENDATION:

The Medical Advisory Board and Staff recommends the Board of Health consider adoption of the proposed Amendments to District Medical Services Regulation 1300.570 "Patient Transport" for the purpose of carrying out the statutory requirement as prescribed above.

**III. CONDITIONS:**

Staff recommends Board approval of amendments to District Emergency Medical Services Regulation 1300.570 "Patient Transport" under the condition the State Board of Health continues to delegate its duties as set forth above.

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**Attachments:**

- A. Public Notice dated 8/29/07
- B. Draft Emergency Medical Services Regulation 1300.570 "Patient Transport"
- C. Reference to NRS 450B.790
- D. Discussion Regarding EMS Regulations Workshop

ATTACHMENT A


AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Southern Nevada Health District's Board of Health on September 27, 2007, at the hour of 8:00 o'clock a.m. in the Clemens Room of the District's Ravenholt Public Health Center, 625 Shadow Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 439.410 and 450B.130 for the purpose of considering adoption of amendments to District Emergency Medical Services Regulation 1300.570 "Patient Transport."

All interested persons may appear at the hearing and submit data, views or arguments regarding the proposed amendments. Written data, views and arguments may also be submitted to the District Board of Health in advance of the hearing, addressed to the Chairman of the Southern Nevada District Board of Health at P.O. Box 3902, Las Vegas, NV 89127. The District Board of Health will consider fully all written and oral submissions on the proposed amendments prior to taking action thereon. Questions may be directed to Southern Nevada Health District's Office of Emergency Medical Services & Trauma System (702) 759-1050.

Dated: August 27, 2007

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*for*   
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Lawrence Sands, D.O., MPH  
Southern Nevada District Board of Health Executive Secretary

**1300.570 PATIENT TRANSPORT.**

- I. Patients transported by a Permittee shall be delivered to a Receiving Facility in accordance with protocols and procedures recommended by the Medical Advisory Board and authorized by the Health Officer.
- II. The transfer of care of patients transported by a provider of emergency medical services to a hospital shall include, as long as required by law, collection of data concerning the waiting times for the transfer of care of a patient to a receiving facility for the provision of emergency services and care. Such collection of data shall be in accordance with the provisions of NRS Chapter 450B, and pursuant to protocols and procedures recommended by the Medical Advisory Board and authorized by the Health Officer.

## ATTACHMENT C

**NRS 450B.790 Hospital required to ensure that certain persons in need of emergency services are transferred to appropriate places in hospital within 30 minutes after arrival; regulations; civil or criminal liability.**

1. Each hospital in this State which receives a person in need of emergency services and care who has been transported to the hospital by an ambulance, air ambulance or vehicle of a fire-fighting agency that has a permit to operate pursuant to this chapter shall ensure that the person is transferred to a bed, chair, gurney or other appropriate place in the hospital to receive emergency services and care as soon as practicable, but not later than 30 minutes after the time at which the person arrives at the hospital.

2. The Health Division shall adopt regulations concerning the manner in which a hospital and an attendant responsible for the care of a person in need of emergency services and care during transport to the hospital shall determine and track the time at which a person arrives at a hospital and the time at which the person is transferred to an appropriate place in the hospital to receive emergency services and care for the purposes of this section. The regulations must provide that:

(a) The time at which a person arrives at a hospital is the time at which he is presented to the emergency room of the hospital; and

(b) The time at which the person is transferred to an appropriate place in the hospital to receive emergency services and care is the time at which the person is physically in that place and the staff of the emergency room of the hospital have received a report concerning the person.

3. This section does not create a duty of care and is not a ground for civil or criminal liability.

4. As used in this section:

(a) "Emergency services and care" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 439B.410.

(b) "Hospital" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.012.

(Added to NRS by 2005, 1474)

## ATTACHMENT D

### Minutes from MAB September 5, 2007 meeting:

#### Report from SB244 Committee

Mr. Chetelat advised the Board that the Health District did get the official delegation of the responsibility of collecting data relating to hospital wait times from the State Board of Health and the Southern Nevada Board of Health accepted the delegation. All the official steps are out of the way to begin to form the process and create regulations. He stated this would be the first workshop on the new regulation. He asked Randy Howell to report on the findings of the group working independently of the SB244 Committee.

Mr. Howell stated that the Patient Transfer of Care Ad Hoc Committee met on August 2, 2007 and elected Karla Perez to chair the committee. He then provided a list of action items that were discussed:

- Roam IT will come in and give an overview of the software changes
- Bill Welch will have regulations from Clark County for review
- Brian Rogers will work with Roam IT to resolve immediate transfer issues
- Troy Tuke will film a training DVD for use with Roam IT
- Ron Tucker will be chairing a Technical Support Subcommittee for issues regarding the software
- Nevada Hospital Association will be the communications facilitator regarding Roam IT to the Technical Support Subcommittee

Mr. Howell advised that the ad hoc committee will meet again on September 13<sup>th</sup> in the Goldring Building.

#### Discussion from EMS Regulations Workshop October 15, 2007:

Mr. Chetelat advised that after the first workshop on September 5, 2007, the Health District's attorney felt that the requirement for data collection needed to be included in the EMS Regulation. Mr. Chetelat stated the revised EMS Regulations 1300.570 would read:

*The transfer of care of patients transported by a provider of emergency medical services to a hospital shall include, as long as required by law, collection of data concerning the waiting times for the transfer of care of a patient to a receiving facility for the provision of emergency services and care. Such collection of data shall be in accordance with the provisions of NRS Chapter 450B. and pursuant to protocols and procedures recommended by the Medical Advisory Board and authorized by the Health Officer.*

Karla Perez added that there was a task force meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup> with representatives from the transport agencies and all of the hospitals. The task force reviewed these EMS regulations and unanimously agreed with the revised language.

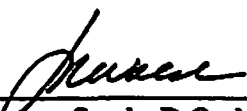
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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM**

**EMS REGULATIONS WORKSHOP**

**RAVENHOLT PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER – CLEMENS ROOM**

**October 15, 2007**

**8:00 A.M.**

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**I. DISCUSSION OF EMS REGULATIONS 1300.570 “Patient Transport”**

**II. PUBLIC APPEARANCE/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Items raised under this portion of the Agenda cannot be acted upon until the Notice Provisions of Nevada’s Open Meeting Law has been complied with. Therefore, any action on such items will have to be considered at a later meeting. Comments will be limited to three minutes. Please step up to the podium and clearly state your name for the record. If any member wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chairman or the majority by vote. All comments by speakers should be relevant to workshop action and jurisdiction.

**THIS AGENDA HAS BEEN POSTED IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

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