



## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT TRAUMA SYSTEM REGULATION CHANGES Board of Health Presentation on April 28, 2022**

On August 25, 2022, the Southern Nevada Health District (Health District) Office of Emergency Medicine Services & Trauma System (OEMSTS) will present proposed changes to the Trauma System Regulations to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health (BOH). This Business Impact Statement serves to analyze the expected impact the proposed changes will have on businesses.

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 237, the following information has been prepared and is available at 280 South Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada, or a copy may be obtained online at: <https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/programs/emergency-medical-services-trauma-system/regulations-manuals-protocols/>

### **BACKGROUND**

The OEMSTS is responsible for the trauma system in Clark County, Nevada. Some examples of Health District trauma system regulations include managing the Regional Trauma Advisory Board (RTAB), trauma center initial and renewal applications for the BOH, and collecting trauma-specific data.

The current Trauma System Regulations were adopted on February 26, 2015. Since then, state law and administrative code governing trauma systems have changed. These proposed changes will bring our regulations into conformity with state law and administrative code and clarify some definitions.

No fee changes are proposed.

### **PROPOSED TRAUMA REGULATION CHANGES:**

The Health District OEMSTS proposes the following trauma system regulation changes effective August 25, 2022:

1. Update and revision of Definitions
2. Update and revision of Trauma System Administration
  - a. Addition of an annual report
  - b. Addition of an impact report
3. Update to Provisional Authorization and Designation Processes
  - a. Addition: Corresponds to NRS 450B.237 that requires state authorization for initial entry as Level III Trauma Center before seeking BOH authorization
  - b. Update: Revisions to processes for renewal and increase in ACS-COT level
  - c. Addition: Process for accepting applications for federally exempt hospitals seeking to participate in the trauma system
4. Update and revisions to Advisory Board and Peer Review Committee

**MANNER IN WHICH COMMENT WAS SOLICITED:**

A Business Notification on the proposed changes was electronically sent to all Regional Trauma Advisory Board members, Regional Trauma Advisory Board notification list, Southern Nevada District Board of Health, Clark County CFO, and Clark County Hospital CEOs and CFOs.

**SUMMARY OF COMMENTS, DATA, OR VIEWS RECEIVED:**

During the comment period beginning May 27, 2022, ending on June 17, 2022, the OEMSTS received no responses.

**ESTIMATED EFFECT ON BUSINESSES:**

The proposed changes are not expected to have any adverse or beneficial impact on business, whether direct or indirect. The changes clarify definitions or are otherwise procedural by requiring state approval before submitting an application to be designated as a trauma center. These changes are required to conform to changes made to NRS 450B.237.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE METHODS CONSIDERED TO REDUCE THE IMPACT ON BUSINESSES AND A STATEMENT REGARDING WHETHER THE HEALTH DISTRICT USED ANY OF THE METHODS:**

The proposed changes either clarify definitions or are required to align with NRS 450B.237 and are not expected to impact business. Because no impact on business is expected, no alternative methods were considered.

**ESTIMATED COST TO SNHD FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED TRAUMA REGULATIONS:**

The proposed changes are not expected to increase costs to SNHD.

**ESTIMATED REVENUES EXPECTED TO BE GENERATED BY THE PROPOSED CHANGES AND THE WAY THE FUNDS ARE TO BE USED:**

The proposed changes are not expected to change Health District revenue.



**DO THE PROPOSED TRAUMA REGULATION CHANGES INCLUDE PROVISIONS THAT ARE DUPLICATIVE OF EXISTING LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL STANDARDS?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

**DO THE PROPOSED TRAUMA REGULATION CHANGES INCLUDE PROVISIONS THAT ARE MORE STRINGENT THAN EXISTING LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL STANDARDS?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

**WILL THIS CHANGE HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES?**


☐ Yes ☒ No

**REASONS FOR THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED REGARDING THE IMPACT ON BUSINESSES:**

The OEMSTS has concluded that approval of the proposed Trauma Regulations changes will not impose a direct and significant economic burden upon existing trauma centers. Although these regulations preclude an existing Level III Trauma center from applying to directly become a Level I Trauma Center, this does not impact capacity or the type of patients a facility can admit. Accordingly, no financial impact is expected.

Pursuant to NRS 237.090, the BOH will hold a PUBLIC HEARING considering this Business Impact Statement at its regular meeting on Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 9:00 am in the Red Rock Conference Room, 280 South Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada, or via WebEx video conferencing. The BOH will review and consider approval of the proposed Trauma Regulation changes at a PUBLIC HEARING on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at the same time and location above.

I, FERMIN LEGUEN, certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, the information contained in the statement was prepared properly and is accurate:

  
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Southern Nevada Health District

6/21/2022  
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