

FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY
 Patient Protection Commission (PPC), State of Nevada
 March 16, 2022

Submission Template: Potential Bill Draft Topics for PPC Discussion and Consideration

As outlined in [NRS 218D.213](#), the Patient Protection Commission (PPC) may request the drafting of not more than three legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the Commission. Any such request must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding a regular session.

The PPC will begin discussion of bill drafts during its March 16, 2022 meeting. Prior to this meeting, the Commissioners are asked to fill out and return the below template with proposed bill draft requests for discussion. Please submit bill draft requests that are as specific as possible, avoiding the submission of general topics, e.g., “quality.”

TEMPLATE – Please fill out and return **3/11/22**

Commissioner Full Name				
Proposed Bill Draft Requests for the 82 nd (2023) Session of the Nevada Legislature				
1	Issue Area (Select #1-19 from list below)		Bill Draft Request	
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3	Issue Area (Select #1-19 from list below)		Bill Draft Request	
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5	Issue Area (Select #1-19 from list below)		Bill Draft Request	

As outlined in [NRS 439.916](#), identified below are the 17 issue areas for review within the charge of the Patient Protection Commission:

1. Comprehensively examining the system for regulating health care in this State, including, without limitation, the licensing and regulation of health care facilities and providers of health care and the role of professional licensing boards, commissions and other bodies established to regulate or evaluate policies related to health care [NRS 439.916.1(a)].
2. Identifying gaps and duplication in the roles of such boards, commissions and other bodies [NRS 439.916.1(b)].
3. Examining the cost of health care and the primary factors impacting those costs [NRS 439.916.1(c)].
4. Examining disparities in the quality and cost of health care between different groups, including, without limitation, minority groups and other distinct populations in this State [NRS 439.916.1(d)].
5. Reviewing the adequacy and types of providers of health care who participate in networks established by health carriers in this State and the geographic distribution of the providers of health care who participate in each such network [NRS 439.916.1(e)].
6. Reviewing the availability of health benefit plans, as defined in NRS 687B.470, in this State [NRS 439.916.1(f)].
7. Reviewing the effect of any changes to Medicaid, including, without limitation, the expansion of Medicaid pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148, on the cost and availability of health care and health insurance in this State [NRS 439.916.1(g)].
8. Reviewing proposed and enacted legislation, regulations and other changes to state and local policy related to health care in this State [NRS 439.916.1(h)].
9. Researching possible changes to state or local policy in this State that may improve the quality, accessibility or affordability of health care in this State – The use of purchasing pools to decrease the cost of health care [NRS 439.916.1(i)(1)].
10. Researching possible changes to state or local policy in this State that may improve the quality, accessibility or affordability of health care in this State – Increasing transparency concerning the cost or provision of health care [NRS 439.916.1(i)(2)].
11. Researching possible changes to state or local policy in this State that may improve the quality, accessibility or affordability of health care in this State – Regulatory measures designed to increase the accessibility and the quality of health care, regardless of geographic location or ability to pay [NRS 439.916.1(i)(3)].
12. Researching possible changes to state or local policy in this State that may improve the quality, accessibility or affordability of health care in this State – Facilitating access to data concerning insurance claims for medical services to assist in the development of public policies [NRS 439.916.1(i)(4)].
13. Researching possible changes to state or local policy in this State that may improve the quality, accessibility or affordability of health care in this State – Resolving problems relating to the billing of patients for medical services [NRS 439.916.1(i)(5)].
14. Researching possible changes to state or local policy in this State that may improve the quality, accessibility or affordability of health care in this State – Leveraging the expenditure of money by the Medicaid program and reimbursement rates under Medicaid to increase the quality and accessibility of health care for low-income persons [NRS 439.916.1(i)(6)].
15. Researching possible changes to state or local policy in this State that may improve the quality, accessibility or affordability of health care in this State – Increasing access to health care for uninsured populations in this State, including, without limitation, retirees and children [NRS 439.916.1(i)(7)].

16. Monitoring and evaluating proposed and enacted federal legislation and regulations and other proposed and actual changes to federal health care policy to determine the impact of such changes on the cost of health care in this State [NRS 439.916.1(j)].
17. Evaluating the degree to which the role, structure and duties of the Commission facilitate the oversight of the provision of health care in this State by the Commission and allow the Commission to perform activities necessary to promote the health care needs of residents of this State [NRS 439.916.1(k)].

As outlined in [NRS 439.918](#) (revised on March 22, 2021 via AB 348), identified below are 2 additional issue areas for which the PPC may make recommendations to the Legislature:

18. The analysis and use of data to improve access to and the quality of health care in this State, including, without limitation, using data to establish priorities for addressing health care needs [NRS 439.918.3(d)(1)].
19. Ensuring that data concerning health care in this State is publicly available and transparent [NRS 439.918.3(d)(2)].