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Overview of Commission's Purpose, Duties and Responsibilities

Patient Protection Commission (PPC)

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Patient Protection Commission (PPC) Overview



Background

- PPC initially created by SB 544 in 2019
 - Sponsored by the Governor and approved by Nevada State Legislature
- AB 348 in 2021
 - Revised Commission membership
 - Added new responsibilities to PPC
 - Moved PPC from Governor's Office to DHHS
 - Required PPC to adopt Bylaws
- Statutory Authority: [NRS 439.902-918](#)



Commission Membership

- The Nevada Patient Protection Commission (PPC) is comprised of 12 voting members appointed by the Governor from across the health care spectrum, and includes **advocates, providers, and industry professionals dedicated to improving health care in Nevada.**
- Ex-Officio (Non-Voting) Members
 - Director, Department of Health and Human Services
 - Insurance Commissioner, Division of Insurance
 - Executive Director, Silver State Health Insurance Exchange
 - Executive Officer, Public Employees' Benefits Program



Current Commission Members

1. Ms. Jalyn Behunin
2. Dr. Bayo Curry-Winchell
3. Ms. Wendy Simons
4. Mr. Walter Davis
5. Ms. Floreine Kahn
6. Dr. Ikram Khan (Chair)
7. Ms. Marilyn Kirkpatrick
8. Dr. Andria Peterson
9. Ms. Bethany Sexton

<https://ppc.nv.gov/Members/Members/>



Current Member Vacancies

1. One member who is a physician or registered nurse who practices primarily at a federally-qualified health center, as defined in 42 U.S.C. §1396d(l)(2)(B).
2. One member who is a pharmacist at a pharmacy not affiliated with any chain of pharmacies or a person who has expertise and experience in advocating on behalf of patients.
3. One member who is an employee or a consultant of the Department with expertise in health information technology and patient access to medical records.

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Patient Protection Commission (PPC) Responsibilities



PPC Responsibilities

- NRS 439.916
 - Broad authority to systematically review issues related to the health care needs of residents of this State and the **quality, accessibility and affordability of health care** statewide.
 - Provide recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature and other government entities to improve health care for all Nevadans.
- NRS 439.918
 - Collaborate and coordinate between existing state governmental entities working to improve health care in Nevada.
 - Use health data to establish priorities to improve access and quality of health care in Nevada; ensure health data is publicly available and transparent.
 - Establish plan to increase patient medical record access and interoperability
 - Semi-annual report



PPC Reports

- Pursuant to [NRS 439.918](#), on or before January 1 and July 1 of each year, the Commission shall:
 - Compile a report describing the meetings and the activities of the Commission during the immediately preceding 6 months.
 - The report must include, without limitation, a description of any issues identified as negatively impacting the quality, accessibility or affordability of health care in this State and any recommendations for legislation, regulations or other changes to policy or budgets to address those issues.
 - Submit the report to the Governor and Legislature.
- Establish and annually update a plan to increase access by patients to their medical records and provide for the interoperability of medical records between providers of health care in accordance with the requirements of HIPAA and other federal law or regulations.



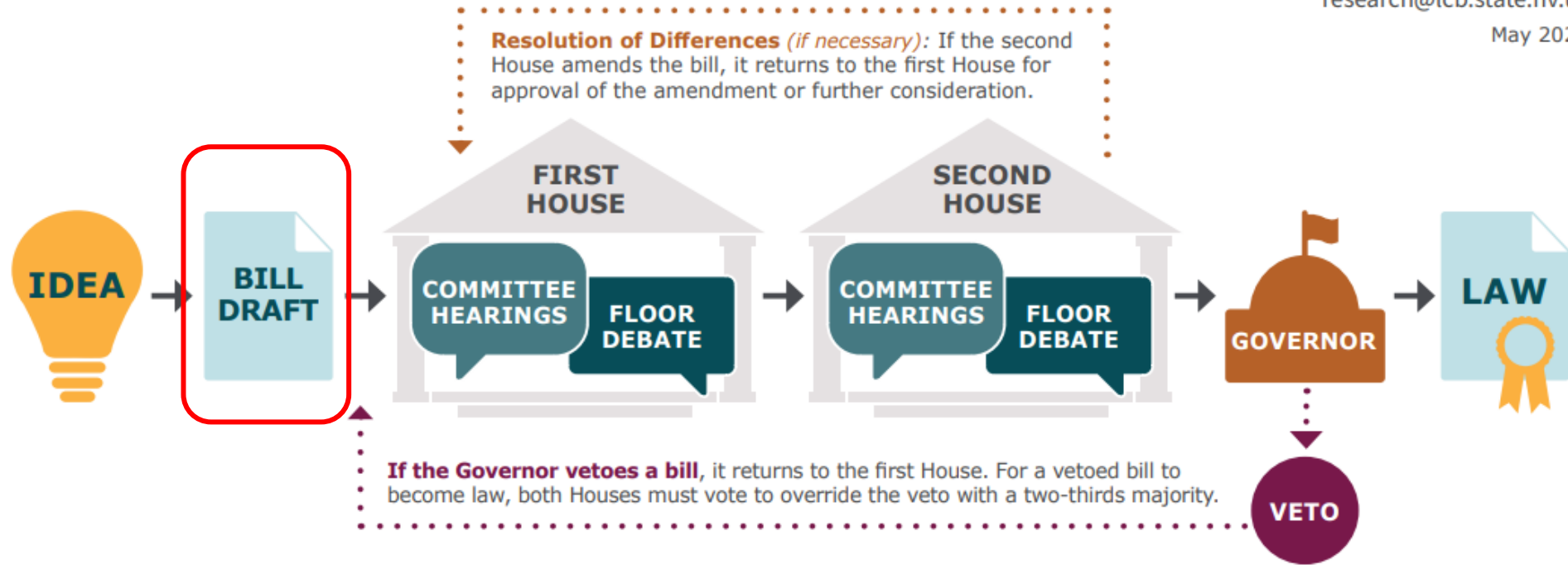
Patient Protection Commission (PPC) Legislative Measures



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Preparing Bill Draft Requests

- [NRS 218D.213](#), **PPC may request the drafting of not more than 3 BDRs** which relate to matters within the scope of the Commission.
- Limit to one subject.
- May contain revisions to more than one NRS Chapter
- LCB submission deadline **on or before September 1st** prior to each regular Legislative Session.



PPC Bills Enacted

2021

- [Senate Bill 5](#) makes changes relating to telehealth. (NRS 439.245)
 - DHHS established [Telehealth Dashboard](#) to provide snapshot of telehealth services in Nevada.
- [Senate Bill 40](#) provides for the collection of certain data relating to health care. (NRS 439B.800-875)
 - Established the [All-Payer Claims Database \(APCD\)](#).

2023

- [Assembly Bill 7](#) makes changes regarding electronic health records.
 - Established an [Advisory Group](#) to advise the DHHS Director in the adoption of regulations to prescribe standards relating to electronic health records, health-related information, and health information exchanges.
 - All providers required to implement interoperable EHR by Jan. 2030.



Governor's Executive Order



Executive Order 2024-002

- **EO 2024-002** directs the PPC to make recommendations aimed at addressing the state's health care workforce shortage, so more patients have access to quality health care, statewide.

<https://gov.nv.gov/Newsroom/ExecOrders/2024/executive-order-2024-002/>



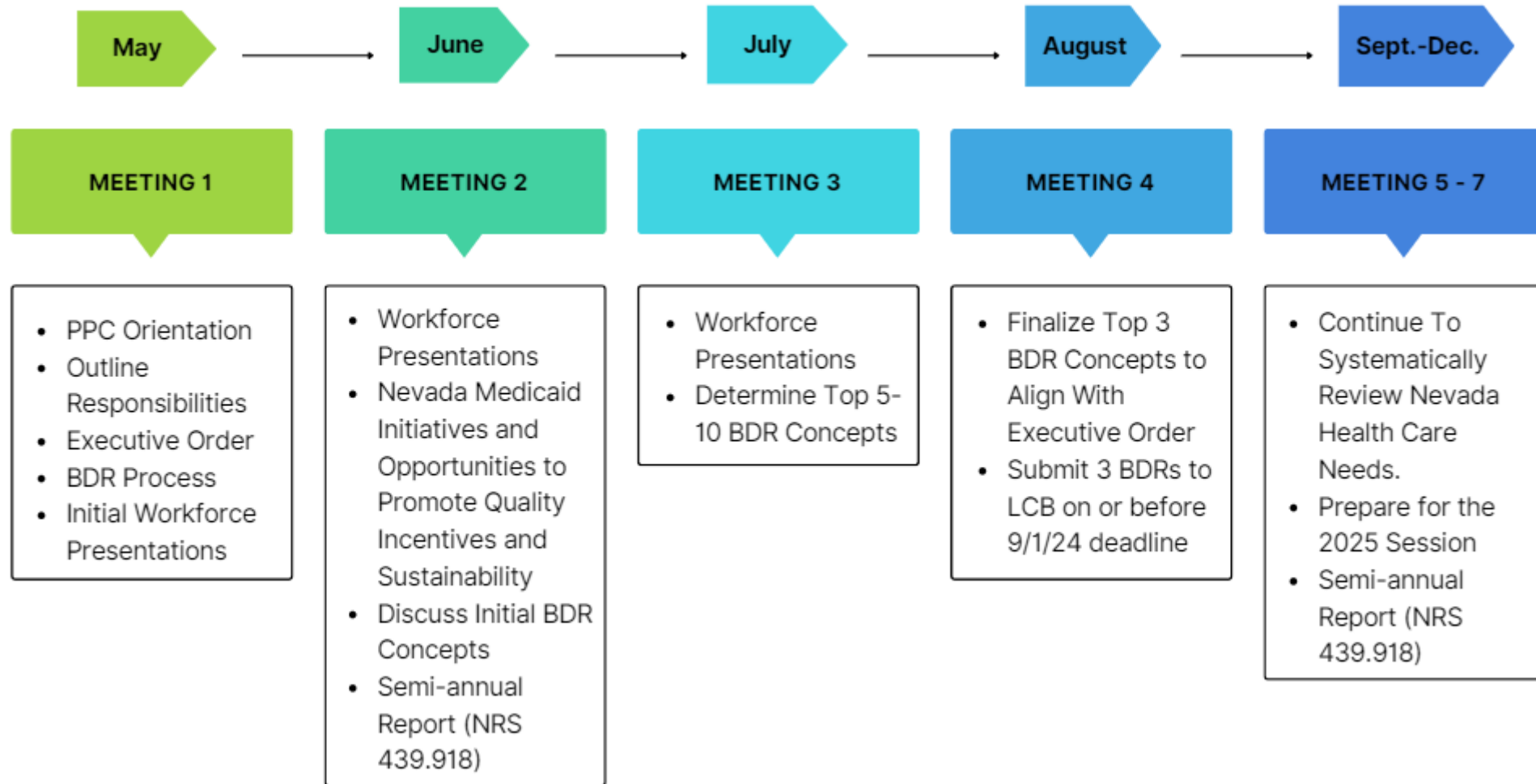
Executive Order (continued)

The Executive Director of the PPC shall support commission members in reviewing available data and national best practices to develop recommendations for:

- (a) Attracting and retaining talent to address health-care workforce challenges in urban and rural communities;
- (b) Improving access to primary care and public health services;
- (c) Removing unnecessary state administrative hurdles to recruiting and retaining health-care workers;
- (d) Identifying sustainable funding strategies for strengthening the state's health-care workforce, which includes supporting competitive Medicaid reimbursements;
- (e) Ensuring recommended strategies for increasing provider reimbursement are based on payment methodologies that incentivize and reward for better quality and value for the taxpayer dollar; and
- (f) Identifying strategies for evaluating new and existing state investments in efforts to improve the capacity and size of the state's health-care workforce.



Recommended Next Steps





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Acronyms

- Assembly Bill (AB)
- All Payer Claims Database (APCD)
- Bill Draft Request (BDR)
- Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- Executive Order (EO)
- Electronic Health Record (EHR)
- Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB)
- Patient Protection Commission (PPC)
- Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS)
- Senate Bill (SB)



Questions?