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Patient Protection Commission (PPC)

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Department of Health and Human Services

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Agenda Item 6

For Possible Action: Commission to recognize the implementation of AB7 (2023) and regulations LCB File No. R173-24 as meeting the requirements of NRS 439.918(1)(c)



NRS 439.918(1)(c):

Establish, submit to the Director 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 the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, and any other applicable federal law or regulations



For Possible Action: PPC to recognize the implementation of AB7 (2023) and regulations LCB File No. R173-24 as meeting the requirements of NRS 439.918(1)(c) to “develop 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 the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, and any other applicable federal law or regulations”



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Informational: 83rd Legislative Session Update
Regarding PPC Bills (SB29, SB34 and SB40)



PPC 2025 Bills

- **Referred to Senate Health and Human Services Committee**

- **SB 29** - requires the development and implementation of a reimbursement system for services provided through accountable care organizations; requires a survey of healthcare providers participating in Medicaid; and increases Medicaid reimbursement rates for services provided by physicians and APRNs.
- **SB 40** – establishes the Medicaid Health Care Workforce Account. The Account would leverage federal Medicaid funds to support health care workforce initiatives, such as Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs in the state.

- **Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee**

- **SB 34** – enacts interstate licensure compacts for nurses, physical therapists, audiologists and speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists and physician assistants.

For more info: <https://ppc.nv.gov/legislation/>

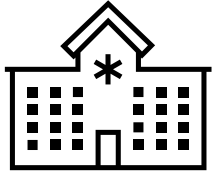


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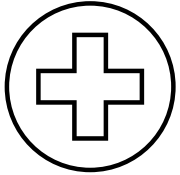
For Possible Action: Review and Discuss PPC
Focus Areas for 2025



PPC Policy Priority Areas



Health Care Delivery and Payment Transformation



Health Equity and Disparities



Health Care Workforce Challenges



Health Care Cost Containment



Health Care Delivery and Payment

Nevada is 41st of 51 States in Health Care System Performance¹

Key Performance Indicators:

- **51st** in Prevention and Treatment¹
- **48th** in Women's Health and Reproductive Care²
- **51st** in Youth Mental Health³
- **51st** in Health Care Cost Growth⁴

Possible Focus Areas Identified in the 2025 PPC Priorities Survey:

Access and Quality

- Improving Primary and Preventative Care
- Improving Women's Health and Reproductive Care
- Improving Behavioral Health
- Improving Care Transitions
- Increasing Safeguards for Patient Safety

Payment Transformation

- Supporting Alternative Payment Models (APMs)/ Value-Based Purchasing (VBP)

Health Care System Development

- Developing a strategic vision for Health Care in Nevada
- Leveraging incentives for a healthcare development hub in Nevada

¹ [U.S. Healthcare Rankings by State 2023 | Commonwealth Fund](#)

² [Women's Health and Reproductive Care | Commonwealth Fund](#)

³ [Youth data 2024 | Mental Health America](#)

⁴ [Average Annual Percent Growth in Health Care Expenditures by State of Provider | KFF](#)



Health Equity and Disparities

Nevada Performs Below Average in Health Equity and Disparities

Key Performance Indicators:

- **45th** in Access and Affordability¹
 - 11.4% uninsured rate²
- **35th** in Racial and Ethnic Equity¹
 - Infant mortality rate (IMR) is 2x higher for babies born to black mothers³

Possible Focus Areas Identified in the 2025 PPC Priorities Survey:

Access to Care

- Increase Access to Care for Uninsured Individuals
 - Support developing policies to address equitable access to essential services
 - Support initiatives to eliminate barriers to care

Disparities in Health Outcomes

- Decrease Disparities in Health Outcomes
 - Increase health literacy in underserved and marginalized communities
 - Increase culturally competent and age-appropriate care
 - Increase equitable access to routine preventative care and screening
- Increase Physical Access to Care
 - Transportation; Availability; Proximity; and Scheduling

¹ [U.S. Healthcare Rankings by State 2023 | Commonwealth Fund](#)

² Nevada Rural and Frontier Health Data Book – 12th Edition

³ [2024 March Of Dimes Report Card For Nevada | PeriStats | March of Dimes](#)



Health Care Workforce Challenges

Every Nevada County is a Federally Designated Health Professional Shortage Area¹

Key Performance Indicators:

- **45th** for Physicians²
- **45th** for Nurses²
- **48th** for Primary Care Providers³
- **33rd** for Mental Health Providers⁴

Possible Focus Areas Identified in the 2025 PPC Priorities Survey:

Provider Shortages

- Increase the Number of Providers
- Improve the Training of Providers
- Improve Recruitment and Retention of Providers

Barriers to Workforce Retention and Recruitment

- Increase Reimbursement Rates
- Reduce Administrative Burden

¹ [HPSA Find](#)

² [23-Physician-Workforce-in-Nevada-a-Chartbook.pdf](#)

³ [Explore Primary Care Providers in Nevada | AHR](#)

⁴ [Explore Mental Health Providers in Nevada | AHR](#)



Health Care Cost Containment

Nevada leads the Nation in Health Care Cost Growth¹

Key Performance Indicators:

- **8.9%** growth¹
 - U.S. Avg. 7.1%
- **45th** in Access and Affordability²
- **46th** in Care Avoided Due to Cost³

Possible Focus Areas Identified in the 2025 PPC Priorities Survey: Pharmaceutical Pricing

- Pharmacy/Prescription Drug Costs
 - Evaluate growing costs and options to bend the cost curve
 - Promote transparency, affordability, and value in drug pricing
- Cost Transparency
 - Increase cost transparency by requiring manufacturers, PBMs and insurers to disclose pricing structures, rebates, and out-of-pocket costs
 - Analyze data concerning insurance claims to develop policies to improve patient access to quality and affordable care

¹ [Average Annual Percent Growth in Health Care Expenditures by State of Provider | KFF](#)

² [U.S. Healthcare Rankings by State 2023 | Commonwealth Fund](#)

³ [Explore Avoided Care Due to Cost in Nevada | AHR](#)

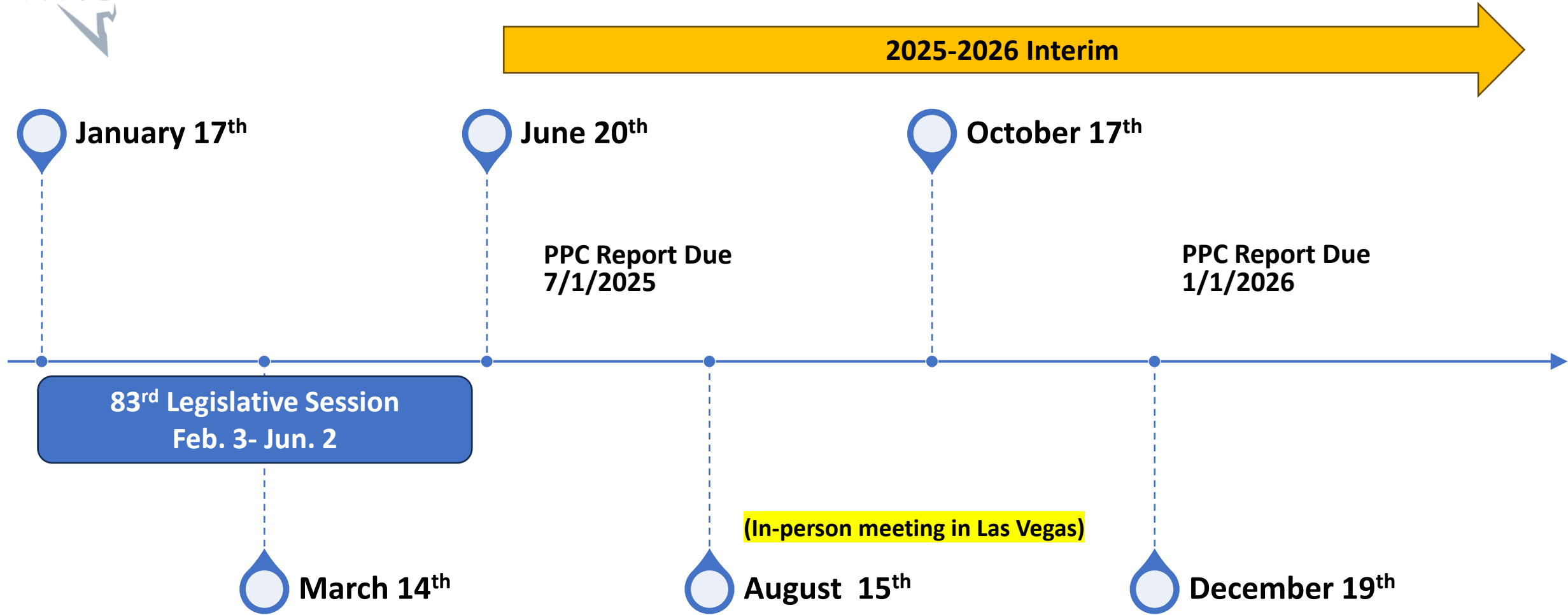


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For Possible Action: Review and Approval of Future Meeting Dates



2025 Meeting Schedule





Questions?



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