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PATIENT PROTECTION COMMISSION 2025-2026 INTERIM WORKPLAN

The purpose of this document is to provide an update on the commission’s statutory authority, outline the PPC’s strategic direction, and present the commission’s 2025-2026 interim workplan.

OVERVIEW OF THE PATIENT PROTECTION COMMISSION

Statutory Authority

[NRS 439.908-439.18](#) amended by [SB494](#) placing the PPC within the Nevada Health Authority (NVHA), and transferring certain responsibilities and authorities from the Governor to the Director of the NVHA. The PPC is tasked with improving the quality, accessibility, and affordability of health care in Nevada. To study health costs, coverage gaps, Medicaid impact, health IT, telehealth, and disparities, and to make recommendations for legislation, regulation, and budget priorities. Amended Commission bylaws reflecting statutory changes can be found here: [Bylaws](#).

Composition

- **12 Voting Members:** appointed by the director of the Nevada Health Authority, subject to approval by the Governor. Members include patient advocates, health care providers and experts in uninsured populations, special health needs, and health IT. The director of the Nevada Health Authority designates the Chair annually.
- **4 Ex Officio, Non-Voting Members:** including the Director of the NVHA, Insurance Commissioner (DOI), Silver State Health Insurance Exchange Executive Director, and Public Employees Benefits Program Executive Officer.

Annual Deliverables

- Pursuant to [NRS 439.918.2](#), **on or before January 1 and July 1 of each year**, the Commission shall compile a report describing the meetings of the Commission and the activities of the Commission during the immediately preceding 6 months.
- Pursuant to [NRS 218D.213](#), the PPC may submit up to **3 BDRs** for consideration during each legislative session.
 - Any request must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before Sept. 1 preceding a regular session.
 - A legislative measure requested pursuant to this section must be prefilled on or before the third Wednesday in Nov. preceding a regular session. A legislative measure that is not prefilled on or before that day shall be deemed withdrawn.

The PPC’s Role

The PPC does not operate programs or enforce laws. Its role is to provide independent analysis and pragmatic recommendations to state leaders.

The Commission advises the Nevada Health Authority, Legislature, and Governor by identifying system gaps, monitoring health system performance, and recommending policy and operational improvements to strengthen access, quality, and affordability of care. It submits reports that highlight priority challenges, propose statutory and regulatory changes, and support evidence-based, transparent decision making.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Mission and Vision

The Patient Protection Commission promotes high-quality, affordable, and accessible health care in Nevada by developing and advising on policy through data-driven analysis, public engagement, and cross-sector collaboration. As part of the Nevada Health Authority, the Commission aligns its work with statewide priorities to support equitable and sustainable health system improvements.

Priority Areas for the 2025-2026 Interim

This interim, the PPC will focus on:

- **Perinatal Health Care**
 - Improving Nevada’s national standing in perinatal health outcomes.
 - Develop solutions grounded in data and stakeholder engagement.

Strategic Goals

- 1. Develop a Comprehensive Understanding of Nevada’s Perinatal Health Care Landscape**
 - Build a shared knowledge base across the commission through data analysis, expert input, and stakeholder engagement to inform future policy development.
- 2. Produce Validated, Actionable Policy Recommendations**
 - Translate findings into legislative and non-legislative recommendations that are evidence-based, feasible, and responsive to stakeholder input, culminating in the July 2026 report and BDR proposals.
- 3. Strengthening Legislative Engagement**
 - Increase PPC visibility and credibility with legislators by fostering relationships and providing timely information.
- 4. Position NVHA as a Trusted Voice in Health Policy**
 - Use the PPC’s public forum, authorities, and reporting structure to reinforce NVHA’s leadership role in advancing evidence-based, cross-sector health policy in Nevada.

HIGH-LEVEL WORKPLAN

Proposed Commission Meetings & Topics

- **December 12, 2025:** Housekeeping: NVHA Overview and PPC’s Role
- **February 27, 2026:** Perinatal Health Care: Current Landscape and Challenges
- **March 13, 2026:** Perinatal Health Care: National and State Policy Perspectives and Considerations
- **April 17, 2026:** Review and Discuss Policy Recommendations and BDR Topics
- **May 22, 2026:** Review and Finalize BDR Topics
- **June 12, 2026:** Review and Approve BDR Draft for Submission to LCB; Approve July 1, 2026, Semi-Annual Report
- **August 7, 2026:** Review LCB Draft (if available); Legislative and Non-Legislative Recommendations
- **October 9, 2026:** Review LCB Draft (if available); Legislative and Non-Legislative Recommendations
- **December 11, 2026:** 2027 Session Prep; Approve Jan 1, 2027, Semi-Annual Report