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AN ACT relating to health; requiring the licensure of community triage centers by the State Board of Health; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the State Board of Health to regulate and license medical facilities and defines the types of medical facilities which must be licensed and regulated. (NRS 449.0151, 449.037)

This bill creates an additional type of medical facility, a community triage center, which must be regulated and licensed by the State Board of Health. A community triage center is defined as a facility that provides 24-hour medical assessment and short-term monitoring of mentally ill persons or abusers of alcohol or drugs. This bill requires the State Board of Health to adopt regulations, standards and licensing procedures for these centers.

This bill appropriates \$370,000 from the State General Fund to the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services of the Department of Human Resources for establishing a mental health and substance abuse screening and stabilization component at a community triage center in Clark County. The provision pertaining to the appropriation becomes effective upon passage of this bill.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 449 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

“Community triage center” means a facility that provides on a 24-hour basis medical assessments of and short-term monitoring services for mentally ill persons and abusers of alcohol or drugs in a manner which does not require that the assessments and services be provided in a licensed hospital.

Sec. 2. NRS 449.001 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.001 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 449.0015 to 449.019, inclusive, ***and section 1 of this act*** have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 3. NRS 449.0151 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.0151 “Medical facility” includes:

1. A surgical center for ambulatory patients;
2. An obstetric center;
3. An independent center for emergency medical care;
4. An agency to provide nursing in the home;
5. A facility for intermediate care;
6. A facility for skilled nursing;
7. A facility for hospice care;
8. A hospital;

9. A psychiatric hospital;
10. A facility for the treatment of irreversible renal disease;
11. A rural clinic;
12. A nursing pool;
13. A facility for modified medical detoxification;
14. A facility for refractive laser surgery; ~~and~~
15. A mobile unit ~~H~~; and
16. *A community triage center.*

Sec. 4. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services of the Department of Human Resources the sum of \$370,000 for the establishment of a mental health and substance abuse screening and stabilization component for a community triage center to be operated in Clark County.

Sec. 5. Any remaining balance of an appropriation made by section 4 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2005, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 16, 2005.

Sec. 6. 1. This section and sections 4 and 5 of this act become effective upon passage and approval.

2. Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act become effective upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting regulations and on July 1, 2005, for all other purposes.