

SENATE BILL NO. 44—COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH  
AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES)

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Requires the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services of the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt certain regulations. (BDR 39-448)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to mental health; requiring the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services of the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt regulations defining eligibility for services; revising the term used to refer to persons who receive services from the Division; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Under existing law, the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services of the Department of Health and Human Services provides mental health services to any person who seeks, on the person's own or another's initiative, and can benefit from, such services. (Title 39 of NRS) **Section 1** of this bill requires the Division to adopt regulations that define when a consumer may receive services from the Division.

Existing law uses "client" as a defined term to refer to a person who seeks, on the person's own or another's initiative, and can benefit from, services offered by the Division. **Sections 2-75** of this bill replace the term "client" in certain existing statutes with the term "consumer" to reflect currently acceptable nomenclature within the field of mental health. **Section 76** of this bill requires the Legislative Counsel to make corresponding changes to existing regulations.



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

**Section 1.** Chapter 433 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*The Division shall adopt regulations:*

*1. To define the term "consumer" for the purposes of this title; and*

*2. To specify the circumstances under which a consumer is eligible to receive services from the Division pursuant to this title, including, but not limited to, care, treatment, treatment to competency and training.*

**Sec. 2.** NRS 433.003 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.003 The Legislature hereby declares that it is the intent of this title:

1. To eliminate the forfeiture of any civil and legal rights of any person and the imposition of any legal disability on any person, based on an allegation of mental illness or mental retardation or a related condition, by any method other than a separate judicial proceeding resulting in a determination of incompetency, wherein the civil and legal rights forfeited and the legal disabilities imposed are specifically stated; and

2. To charge the Division of Mental and Developmental Services, and the Division of Child and Family Services, of the Department with recognizing their duty to act in the best interests of their respective ~~clients~~ *consumers* by placing them in the least restrictive environment.

**Sec. 3.** NRS 433.094 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.094 "Division facility" means any unit or subunit operated by the Division for the care, treatment and training of ~~clients~~ *consumers*.

**Sec. 4.** NRS 433.264 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.264 1. Physicians shall be employed within the various division facilities as are necessary for the operation of the facilities. They shall hold degrees of doctor of medicine from accredited medical schools and they shall be licensed to practice medicine in Nevada as provided by law.

2. Except as otherwise provided by law, their only compensation shall be annual salaries, fixed in accordance with the pay plan adopted pursuant to the provisions of NRS 284.175.

3. The physicians shall perform such duties pertaining to the care and treatment of ~~clients~~ *consumers* as may be required.



**Sec. 5.** NRS 433.279 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.279 1. The Division shall carry out a vocational and educational program for the certification of mental health-mental retardation technicians, including forensic technicians:

(a) Employed by the Division, or other employees of the Division who perform similar duties, but are classified differently.

(b) Employed by the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department.

➔ The program must be carried out in cooperation with the Nevada System of Higher Education.

2. A mental health-mental retardation technician is responsible to the director of the service in which his or her duties are performed. The director of a service may be a licensed physician, dentist, podiatric physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, rehabilitation therapist, social worker, registered nurse or other professionally qualified person. This section does not authorize a mental health-mental retardation technician to perform duties which require the specialized knowledge and skill of a professionally qualified person.

3. The Division shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

4. As used in this section, "mental health-mental retardation technician" means an employee of the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services or the Division of Child and Family Services who, for compensation or personal profit, carries out procedures and techniques which involve cause and effect and which are used in the care, treatment and rehabilitation of persons with mental illness or mental retardation, persons who are emotionally disturbed and persons with related conditions, and who has direct responsibility for:

(a) Administering or carrying out specific therapeutic procedures, techniques or treatments, excluding medical interventions, to enable ~~{clients}~~ consumers to make optimal use of their therapeutic regime, their social and personal resources, and their residential care; or

(b) The application of interpersonal and technical skills in the observation and recognition of symptoms and reactions of ~~{clients,}~~ consumers, for the accurate recording of such symptoms and reactions, and for carrying out treatments authorized by members of the interdisciplinary team that determines the treatment of the ~~{clients,}~~ consumers.

**Sec. 6.** NRS 433.331 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.331 The Division shall adopt regulations to:

1. Provide for a more detailed definition of abuse of a ~~{client}~~ consumer of the Division, consistent with the general definition given in NRS 433.554;



2. Provide for a more detailed definition of neglect of a ~~client~~ **consumer** of the Division, consistent with the general definition given in NRS 433.554; and

3. Establish policies and procedures for reporting the abuse or neglect of a ~~client~~ **consumer** of the Division.

**Sec. 7.** NRS 433.334 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.334 The Division may, by contract with general hospitals or other institutions having adequate facilities in the State of Nevada, provide for inpatient care of ~~clients~~ **consumers** with mental illness or mental retardation and ~~clients~~ **consumers** with related conditions.

**Sec. 8.** NRS 433.404 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.404 1. The Division shall establish a fee schedule for services rendered through any program supported by the State pursuant to the provisions of chapters 433 to 436, inclusive, of NRS. The schedule must be submitted to the Commission and the Director of the Department for joint approval before enforcement. The fees collected by facilities operated by the Division pursuant to this schedule must be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the State General Fund, except as otherwise provided in NRS 433.354 for fees collected pursuant to contract or agreement and in NRS 435.120 for fees collected for services to ~~clients~~ **consumers** with mental retardation and related conditions.

2. For a facility providing services for the treatment of persons with mental illness or mental retardation and persons with related conditions, the fee established must approximate the cost of providing the service, but if a ~~client~~ **consumer** is unable to pay in full the fee established pursuant to this section, the Division may collect any amount the ~~client~~ **consumer** is able to pay.

**Sec. 9.** NRS 433.431 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.431 As used in NRS 433.431 to 433.454, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires ~~:-~~

~~1. "Client" means any person who seeks, on the person's own or another's initiative, and can benefit from, care, treatment, treatment to competency or training in a division facility.~~

~~2. "Division" , "division facility" means any unit or subunit operated by:~~

~~(a) 1. The Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services of the Department for the care, treatment and training of ~~clients;~~ **consumers;** or~~

~~(b) 2. The Division of Child and Family Services of the Department pursuant to chapter 433B of NRS.~~

**Sec. 10.** NRS 433.444 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.444 1. For the purpose of facilitating the return of nonresident ~~clients~~ **consumers** to the state in which they have legal



1 residence, the Administrator may enter into reciprocal agreements,  
2 consistent with the provisions of this title, with the proper boards,  
3 commissioners or officers of other states for the mutual exchange of  
4 ~~{clients}~~ **consumers** confined in, admitted or committed to a mental  
5 health or mental retardation facility in one state whose legal  
6 residence is in the other, and may give written permission for the  
7 return and admission to a division facility of any resident of this  
8 state when such permission is conformable to the provisions of this  
9 title governing admissions to a division facility.

10 2. The county clerk and board of county commissioners of  
11 each county, upon receiving notice from the Administrator that an  
12 application for the return of an alleged resident of this state has been  
13 received, shall promptly investigate and report to the Administrator  
14 their findings as to the legal residence of the ~~{client}~~ **consumer**.

15 **Sec. 11.** NRS 433.454 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 433.454 1. All expenses incurred for the purpose of returning  
17 a ~~{client}~~ **consumer** to the state in which the ~~{client}~~ **consumer** has  
18 legal residence shall be paid from the moneys of the ~~{client}~~  
19 **consumer** or by the relatives or other persons responsible for the  
20 ~~{client's}~~ **consumer's** care and treatment under his or her  
21 commitment or admission.

22 2. In the case of indigent ~~{clients}~~ **consumers** whose relatives  
23 cannot pay the costs and expenses of returning such ~~{clients}~~  
24 **consumers** to the state in which they have residence, the costs may  
25 be assumed by the State. These costs shall be advanced from  
26 moneys appropriated for the general support of the division facility  
27 wherein the ~~{client}~~ **consumer** was receiving care, treatment or  
28 training, if such ~~{client}~~ **consumer** was committed to a division  
29 facility at the time of the transfer, and shall be paid out on claims as  
30 other claims against the State are paid.

31 **Sec. 12.** NRS 433.456 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 433.456 As used in NRS 433.456 to 433.536, inclusive, unless  
33 the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS  
34 433.458 ~~{to}~~, **433.461 and** 433.462 ~~{, inclusive}~~ have the meanings  
35 ascribed to them in those sections.

36 **Sec. 13.** NRS 433.461 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 433.461 "Facility" means any:

38 1. Unit or subunit operated by the Division of Mental Health  
39 and Developmental Services of the Department for the care,  
40 treatment and training of ~~{clients}~~ **consumers**.

41 2. Unit or subunit operated by the Division of Child and  
42 Family Services of the Department pursuant to chapter 433B of  
43 NRS.



3. Hospital, clinic or other institution operated by any public or private entity, for the care, treatment and training of ~~{client}~~ consumers.

**Sec. 14.** NRS 433.462 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.462 "Rights" includes, without limitation, all rights provided to a ~~{client}~~ consumer pursuant to NRS 433.456 to 433.536, inclusive, and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

**Sec. 15.** NRS 433.471 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.471 1. Each client consumer admitted for evaluation, treatment or training to a facility has the following rights concerning admission to the facility, a list of which must be prominently posted in all facilities providing those services and must be otherwise brought to the attention of the ~~{client}~~ consumer by such additional means as prescribed by regulation:

~~{1}~~ (a) The right not to be admitted to the facility under false pretenses or as a result of any improper, unethical or unlawful conduct by a staff member of the facility to collect money from the insurance company of the ~~{client}~~ consumer or for any other financial purpose.

~~{2}~~ (b) The right to receive a copy, on request, of the criteria upon which the facility makes its decision to admit or discharge a ~~{client}~~ consumer from the facility. Such criteria must not, for emergency admissions or involuntary court-ordered admissions, be based on the availability of insurance coverage or any other financial considerations.

~~{3}~~ 2. As used in this section, "improper conduct" means a violation of the rules, policies or procedures of the facility.

**Sec. 16.** NRS 433.472 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.472 1. Each ~~{client}~~ consumer admitted for evaluation, treatment or training to a facility has the following rights concerning involuntary commitment to the facility, a list of which must be prominently posted in all facilities providing those services and must be otherwise brought to the attention of the ~~{client}~~ consumer by such additional means as prescribed by regulation:

(a) To request and receive a second evaluation by a psychiatrist or psychologist who does not have a contractual relationship with or financial interest in the facility. The evaluation must:

(1) Include, without limitation, a recommendation of whether the ~~{client}~~ consumer should be involuntarily committed to the facility; and

(2) Be paid for by the ~~{client}~~ consumer if the insurance carrier of the ~~{client}~~ consumer refuses to pay for the evaluation.

(b) To receive a copy of the procedure of the facility regarding involuntary commitment and treatment.



(c) To receive a list of the ~~client's~~ *consumer's* rights concerning involuntary commitment or treatment.

2. If the results of an evaluation conducted by a psychiatrist or psychologist pursuant to subsection 1 conflict in any manner with the results of an evaluation conducted by the facility, the facility may request and receive a third evaluation of the ~~client~~ *consumer* to resolve the conflicting portions of the previous evaluations.

**Sec. 17.** NRS 433.482 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.482 Each ~~client~~ *consumer* admitted for evaluation, treatment or training to a facility has the following personal rights, a list of which must be prominently posted in all facilities providing those services and must be otherwise brought to the attention of the ~~client~~ *consumer* by such additional means as prescribed by regulation:

1. To wear the ~~client's~~ *consumer's* own clothing, to keep and use his or her own personal possessions, including toilet articles, unless those articles may be used to endanger the ~~client's~~ *consumer's* life or others' lives, and to keep and be allowed to spend a reasonable sum of the ~~client's~~ *consumer's* own money for expenses and small purchases.

2. To have access to individual space for storage for his or her private use.

3. To see visitors each day.

4. To have reasonable access to telephones, both to make and receive confidential calls.

5. To have ready access to materials for writing letters, including stamps, and to mail and receive unopened correspondence, but:

(a) For the purposes of this subsection, packages are not considered as correspondence; and

(b) Correspondence identified as containing a check payable to a ~~client~~ *consumer* may be subject to control and safekeeping by the administrative officer of that facility or the administrative officer's designee, so long as the ~~client's~~ *consumer's* record of treatment documents the action.

6. To have reasonable access to an interpreter if the ~~client~~ *consumer* does not speak English or is hearing impaired.

7. To designate a person who must be kept informed by the facility of the ~~client's~~ *consumer's* medical and mental condition, if the ~~client~~ *consumer* signs a release allowing the facility to provide such information to the person.

8. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 439.538, to have access to the ~~client's~~ *consumer's* medical records denied to any person other than:





(a) A member of the staff of the facility or related medical personnel, as appropriate;

(b) A person who obtains a waiver by the **[elient] consumer** of his or her right to keep the medical records confidential; or

(c) A person who obtains a court order authorizing the access.

9. Other personal rights as specified by regulation of the Commission.

**Sec. 18.** NRS 433.484 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.484 Each **[elient] consumer** admitted for evaluation, treatment or training to a facility has the following rights concerning care, treatment and training, a list of which must be prominently posted in all facilities providing those services and must be otherwise brought to the attention of the **[elient] consumer** by such additional means as prescribed by regulation:

1. To medical, psychosocial and rehabilitative care, treatment and training including prompt and appropriate medical treatment and care for physical and mental ailments and for the prevention of any illness or disability. All of that care, treatment and training must be consistent with standards of practice of the respective professions in the community and is subject to the following conditions:

(a) Before instituting a plan of care, treatment or training or carrying out any necessary surgical procedure, express and informed consent must be obtained in writing from:

(1) The **[elient] consumer** if he or she is 18 years of age or over or legally emancipated and competent to give that consent, and from the **[elient's] consumer's** legal guardian, if any;

(2) The parent or guardian of a **[elient] consumer** under 18 years of age and not legally emancipated; or

(3) The legal guardian of a **[elient] consumer** of any age who has been adjudicated mentally incompetent;

(b) An informed consent requires that the person whose consent is sought be adequately informed as to:

(1) The nature and consequences of the procedure;

(2) The reasonable risks, benefits and purposes of the procedure; and

(3) Alternative procedures available;

(c) The consent of a **[elient] consumer** as provided in paragraph

(b) may be withdrawn by the **[elient] consumer** in writing at any time with or without cause;

(d) Even in the absence of express and informed consent, a licensed and qualified physician may render emergency medical care or treatment to any **[elient] consumer** who has been injured in an accident or who is suffering from an acute illness, disease or condition, if within a reasonable degree of medical certainty, delay in the initiation of emergency medical care or treatment would





1 endanger the health of the {elient} consumer and if the treatment is  
2 immediately entered into the {elient's} consumer's record of  
3 treatment, subject to the provisions of paragraph (e); and

4 (e) If the proposed emergency medical care or treatment is  
5 deemed by the chief medical officer of the facility to be unusual,  
6 experimental or generally occurring infrequently in routine medical  
7 practice, the chief medical officer shall request consultation from  
8 other physicians or practitioners of healing arts who have  
9 knowledge of the proposed care or treatment.

10 2. To be free from abuse, neglect and aversive intervention.

11 3. To consent to the {elient's} consumer's transfer from one  
12 facility to another, except that the Administrator of the Division of  
13 Mental Health and Developmental Services of the Department or the  
14 Administrator's designee, or the Administrator of the Division of  
15 Child and Family Services of the Department or the Administrator's  
16 designee, may order a transfer to be made whenever conditions  
17 concerning care, treatment or training warrant it. If the {elient}  
18 consumer in any manner objects to the transfer, the person ordering  
19 it must enter the objection and a written justification of the transfer  
20 in the {elient's} consumer's record of treatment and immediately  
21 forward a notice of the objection to the Administrator who ordered  
22 the transfer, and the Commission shall review the transfer pursuant  
23 to subsection 3 of NRS 433.534.

24 4. Other rights concerning care, treatment and training as may  
25 be specified by regulation of the Commission.

26 **Sec. 19.** NRS 433.494 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 433.494 1. An individualized written plan of mental health or  
28 mental retardation services or plan of services for a related condition  
29 must be developed for each {elient} consumer of each facility. The  
30 plan must:

31 (a) Provide for the least restrictive treatment procedure that may  
32 reasonably be expected to benefit the {elient;} consumer; and

33 (b) Be developed with the input and participation of:

34 (1) The {elient;} consumer, to the extent that he or she is able  
35 to provide input and participate; and

36 (2) To the extent that the {elient} consumer is unable to  
37 provide input and participate, the parent or guardian of the {elient}  
38 consumer if the {elient} consumer is under 18 years of age and is  
39 not legally emancipated, or the legal guardian of a {elient} consumer  
40 who has been adjudicated mentally incompetent.

41 2. The plan must be kept current and must be modified, with  
42 the input and participation of the {elient;} consumer, the parent or  
43 guardian of the {elient} consumer or the legal guardian of the  
44 {elient;} consumer, as appropriate, when indicated. The plan must  
45 be thoroughly reviewed at least once every 3 months.



3. The person in charge of implementing the plan of services must be designated in the plan.

**Sec. 20.** NRS 433.504 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.504 1. A ~~client~~ consumer or the ~~client's~~ consumer's legal guardian must be:

(a) Permitted to inspect the ~~client's~~ consumer's records; and

(b) Informed of the ~~client's~~ consumer's clinical status and progress at reasonable intervals of no longer than 3 months in a manner appropriate to his or her clinical condition.

2. Unless a psychiatrist has made a specific entry to the contrary in a ~~client's~~ consumer's records, a ~~client~~ consumer or the ~~client's~~ consumer's legal guardian is entitled to obtain a copy of the ~~client's~~ consumer's records at any time upon notice to the administrative officer of the facility and payment of the cost of reproducing the records.

**Sec. 21.** NRS 433.514 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.514 1. The attending psychiatrist or physician shall be responsible for all medication given or administered to a ~~client~~ consumer.

2. Each administrative officer shall establish a policy for the review of the administration, storage and handling of medications by nurses and nonprofessional personnel.

**Sec. 22.** NRS 433.524 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.524 1. A ~~client~~ consumer may perform labor which contributes to the operation and maintenance of the facility for which the facility would otherwise employ someone only if:

(a) The ~~client~~ consumer voluntarily agrees to perform the labor;

(b) Engaging in the labor is not inconsistent with and does not interfere with the plan of services for the ~~client~~ consumer;

(c) The person responsible for the ~~client's~~ consumer's treatment agrees to the plan of labor; and

(d) The amount of time or effort necessary to perform the labor is not excessive.

➔ In no event may discharge or privileges be conditioned upon the performance of such labor.

2. A ~~client~~ consumer who performs labor which contributes to the operation and maintenance of the facility for which the facility would otherwise employ someone must be adequately compensated and the compensation must be in accordance with applicable state and federal labor laws.

3. A ~~client~~ consumer who performs labor other than that described in subsection 2 must be compensated an adequate amount if an economic benefit to another person or agency results from the ~~client's~~ consumer's labor.



4. The administrative officer of the facility may provide for compensation of a resident when the resident performs labor not governed by subsection 2 or 3.

5. This section does not apply to labor of a personal housekeeping nature or to labor performed as a condition of residence in a small group living arrangement.

6. One-half of any compensation paid to a ~~client~~ consumer pursuant to this section is exempt from collection or retention as payment for services rendered by the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services of the Department or its facilities, or by the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department or its facilities. Such an amount is also exempt from levy, execution, attachment, garnishment or any other remedies provided by law for the collection of debts.

**Sec. 23.** NRS 433.531 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.531 Each ~~client~~ consumer admitted for evaluation, treatment or training to a facility has the following rights concerning the suspension or violation of his or her rights, a list of which must be prominently posted in all facilities providing those services and must be otherwise brought to the attention of the ~~client~~ consumer by such additional means as prescribed by regulation:

1. To receive a list of the ~~client's~~ consumer's rights.

2. To receive a copy of the policy of the facility that sets forth the clinical or medical circumstances under which the ~~client's~~ consumer's rights may be suspended or violated.

3. To receive a list of the clinically appropriate options available to the ~~client~~ consumer or the ~~client's~~ consumer's family to remedy an actual or a suspected suspension or violation of his or her rights.

4. To have all policies of the facility regarding the rights of ~~clients~~ consumers prominently posted in the facility.

**Sec. 24.** NRS 433.533 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.533 Each facility shall, within a reasonable time after a ~~client~~ consumer is admitted to the facility for evaluation, treatment or training, ask the ~~client~~ consumer to sign a document that reflects that the ~~client~~ consumer has received a list of the ~~client's~~ consumer's rights and has had those rights explained to him or her.

**Sec. 25.** NRS 433.534 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.534 1. The rights of a ~~client~~ consumer enumerated in this chapter must not be denied except to protect the ~~client's~~ consumer's health and safety or to protect the health and safety of others, or both. Any denial of those rights in any facility must be entered in the ~~client's~~ consumer's record of treatment, and notice of the denial must be forwarded to the administrative officer of the



1 facility. Failure to report denial of rights by an employee may be  
2 grounds for dismissal.

3 2. If the administrative officer of a facility receives notice of a  
4 denial of rights as provided in subsection 1, the officer shall cause a  
5 full report to be prepared which must set forth in detail the factual  
6 circumstances surrounding the denial. Except as otherwise provided  
7 in NRS 239.0115, such a report is confidential and must not be  
8 disclosed. A copy of the report must be sent to the Commission.

9 3. The Commission:

10 (a) Shall receive reports of and may investigate apparent  
11 violations of the rights guaranteed by this chapter;

12 (b) May act to resolve disputes relating to apparent violations;

13 (c) May act on behalf of ~~{elient;}~~ *consumers* to obtain remedies  
14 for any apparent violations; and

15 (d) Shall otherwise endeavor to safeguard the rights guaranteed  
16 by this chapter.

17 4. Pursuant to NRS 241.030, the Commission may close any  
18 portion of a meeting in which it considers the character, alleged  
19 misconduct or professional competence of a person in relation to:

20 (a) The denial of the rights of a ~~{elient;}~~ *consumer*; or

21 (b) The care and treatment of a ~~{elient;}~~ *consumer*.

22 ➔ The provisions of this subsection do not require a meeting of the  
23 Commission to be closed to the public.

24 **Sec. 26.** NRS 433.538 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 433.538 As used in NRS 433.538 to 433.543, inclusive, unless  
26 the context otherwise requires:

27 1. "Administrative officer" means a person with overall  
28 executive and administrative responsibility for a division facility.

29 2. ~~["Client" means any person who seeks, on the person's own  
30 or another's initiative, and can benefit from, care, treatment,  
31 treatment to competency or training in a division facility.~~

32 ~~—3.]~~ "Division facility" means any unit or subunit operated by:

33 (a) The Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services  
34 of the Department for the care, treatment and training of ~~{elient;}~~  
35 *consumers*; or

36 (b) The Division of Child and Family Services of the  
37 Department pursuant to chapter 433B of NRS.

38 **Sec. 27.** NRS 433.539 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 433.539 1. There may be maintained as a trust fund at each  
40 division facility a ~~{elient;}~~ *consumers'* personal deposit fund.

41 2. Money coming into the possession of the administrative  
42 officer of a division facility which belongs to a ~~{elient}~~ *consumer*  
43 must be credited in the fund in the name of that ~~{elient;}~~ *consumer*.

44 3. When practicable, individual credits in the fund must not  
45 exceed the sum of \$300.



4. Any amounts to the credit of a ~~client~~ consumer may be used for purchasing personal necessities, for expenses of burial or may be turned over to the ~~client~~ consumer upon the ~~client's~~ consumer's demand, except that when the ~~client~~ consumer is adjudicated mentally incompetent the guardian of the ~~client's~~ consumer's estate has the right to demand and receive the money.

5. An amount accepted for the benefit of a ~~client~~ consumer for a special purpose must be reserved for that purpose regardless of the total amount to the credit of the ~~client~~ consumer.

6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, the administrative officers shall deposit any money received for the funds of their respective facilities in commercial accounts with one or more banks or credit unions of reputable standing. When deposits in a commercial account exceed \$15,000, the administrative officer may deposit the excess in a savings account paying interest in any reputable commercial bank, or in any credit union or savings and loan association within this state that is federally insured or insured by a private insurer approved pursuant to NRS 678.755. The savings account must be in the name of the fund. Interest paid on deposits in the savings account may be used for recreational purposes at the division facility.

7. The administrative officers may maintain at their respective division facilities petty cash of not more than \$400 of the money in the ~~clients'~~ consumers' personal deposit fund to enable ~~clients~~ consumers to withdraw small sums from their accounts.

**Sec. 28.** NRS 433.541 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.541 Whenever any person admitted to a division facility dies, the administrative officer shall send written notice to the decedent's legally appointed representative, listing the personal property remaining in the custody or possession of the facility. If there is no demand made upon the administrative officer of the facility by the decedent's legally appointed representative, all personal property of the decedent remaining in the custody or possession of the administrative officer must be held by the officer for a period of 1 year from the date of the decedent's death for the benefit of the heirs, legatees or successors of the decedent. At the end of this period, another notice must be sent to the decedent's representative, listing the property and specifying the manner in which the property will be disposed of if not claimed within 15 business days. After 15 business days, all personal property and documents of the decedent, other than cash, remaining unclaimed in the possession of the administrative officer must be disposed of as follows:



1 1. All documents must be filed by the administrative officer  
2 with the public administrator of the county from which the [elient]  
3 *consumer* was admitted.

4 2. All other personal property must be sold at a public auction  
5 or by sealed bids. The proceeds of the sale must be applied to the  
6 decedent's unpaid balance for costs incurred at the division facility.

7 **Sec. 29.** NRS 433.542 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 433.542 If a person admitted to a division facility is discharged  
9 or leaves and the person fails to recover personal property worth  
10 more than \$100 in the custody of the administrative officer of the  
11 facility, the administrative officer shall notify the former [elient]  
12 *consumer* or the [elient's] *consumer's* legal representative in  
13 writing that personal property remains in the custody of the facility.  
14 The property must be held in safekeeping for the [elient] *consumer*  
15 for a period of 1 year from the date of discharge. If upon the  
16 expiration of the 1-year period no claim has been made upon the  
17 administrative officer by the person or the person's legal  
18 representative, another notice must be sent to the person or the  
19 person's legal representative, stating the fact that personal property  
20 remains in the custody of the facility, and specifying the manner in  
21 which the property will be disposed of if not claimed within 15  
22 business days. After 15 business days, the property may be  
23 considered unclaimed property and be disposed of in the manner  
24 provided for unclaimed property of deceased persons under the  
25 provisions of NRS 433.541.

26 **Sec. 30.** NRS 433.544 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 433.544 1. Upon the death of a [elient,] *consumer*, any  
28 known relatives or friends of the [elient] *consumer* shall be notified  
29 immediately of the fact of death.

30 2. The Administrator or the Administrator's designee shall  
31 cause a decent burial to be provided for the [elient] *consumer*  
32 outside division facility grounds. The Administrator or the designee  
33 may enter into a contract with any person or persons, including  
34 governmental agencies or other instrumentalities, as the  
35 Administrator or the designee deems proper, for a decent burial.  
36 Where there are known relatives, and they are financially able, the  
37 cost of burial shall be borne by the relatives. Where there are no  
38 known relatives, the cost of burial shall be a charge against the State  
39 of Nevada, but the cost thereof shall not exceed the amount charged  
40 for the burial of indigents in the county in which the burial takes  
41 place.

42 3. When a [elient] *consumer* has income from a pension  
43 payable through a division facility, and has no guardian, the  
44 Division may obligate operating funds for funeral expenses in the  
45 amount due under the pension benefits.



1     **Sec. 31.** NRS 433.5483 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     433.5483 A person employed by a facility or any other person  
3 shall not use any aversive intervention on a person with a disability  
4 who is a ~~{client}~~ **consumer**.

5     **Sec. 32.** NRS 433.5486 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
6     433.5486 Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 433.549 to  
7 433.5503, inclusive, to the contrary, a facility may use or authorize  
8 the use of physical restraint, mechanical restraint or chemical  
9 restraint on a person with a disability who is a ~~{client}~~ **consumer** if  
10 the facility is:

11     1. Accredited by a nationally recognized accreditation  
12 association or agency; or

13     2. Certified for participation in the Medicaid or Medicare  
14 Program,  
15     ➔ only to the extent that the accreditation or certification allows the  
16 use of such restraint.

17     **Sec. 33.** NRS 433.549 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
18     433.549 A person employed by a facility or any other person  
19 shall not:

20     1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 433.5493, use physical  
21 restraint on a person with a disability who is a ~~{client}~~ **consumer**.

22     2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 433.5496 and  
23 433.5499, use mechanical restraint on a person with a disability who  
24 is a ~~{client}~~ **consumer**.

25     3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 433.5503, use  
26 chemical restraint on a person with a disability who is a ~~{client}~~ **consumer**.  
27 **consumer**.

28     **Sec. 34.** NRS 433.5493 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29     433.5493 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,  
30 physical restraint may be used on a person with a disability who is a  
31 ~~{client}~~ **consumer** only if:

32     (a) An emergency exists that necessitates the use of physical  
33 restraint;

34     (b) The physical restraint is used only for the period that is  
35 necessary to contain the behavior of the ~~{client}~~ **consumer** so that  
36 the ~~{client}~~ **consumer** is no longer an immediate threat of causing  
37 physical injury to himself or herself or others or causing severe  
38 property damage; and

39     (c) The use of force in the application of physical restraint does  
40 not exceed the force that is reasonable and necessary under the  
41 circumstances precipitating the use of physical restraint.

42     2. Physical restraint may be used on a person with a disability  
43 who is a ~~{client}~~ **consumer** and the provisions of subsection 1 do not  
44 apply if the physical restraint is used to:





(a) Assist the ~~client~~ consumer in completing a task or response if the ~~client~~ consumer does not resist the application of physical restraint or if the ~~client's~~ consumer's resistance is minimal in intensity and duration;

(b) Escort or carry a ~~client~~ consumer to safety if the ~~client~~ consumer is in danger in his or her present location; or

(c) Conduct medical examinations or treatments on the ~~client~~ consumer that are necessary.

3. If physical restraint is used on a person with a disability who is a ~~client~~ consumer in an emergency, the use of the procedure must be reported as a denial of rights pursuant to NRS 433.534, regardless of whether the use of the procedure is authorized by statute. The report must be made not later than 1 working day after the procedure is used.

**Sec. 35.** NRS 433.5496 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.5496 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 4, mechanical restraint may be used on a person with a disability who is a ~~client~~ consumer only if:

(a) An emergency exists that necessitates the use of mechanical restraint;

(b) A medical order authorizing the use of mechanical restraint is obtained from the ~~client's~~ consumer's treating physician before the application of the mechanical restraint or not later than 15 minutes after the application of the mechanical restraint;

(c) The physician who signed the order required pursuant to paragraph (b) or the attending physician examines the ~~client~~ consumer not later than 1 working day immediately after the application of the mechanical restraint;

(d) The mechanical restraint is applied by a member of the staff of the facility who is trained and qualified to apply mechanical restraint;

(e) The ~~client~~ consumer is given the opportunity to move and exercise the parts of his or her body that are restrained at least 10 minutes per every 60 minutes of restraint;

(f) A member of the staff of the facility lessens or discontinues the restraint every 15 minutes to determine whether the ~~client~~ consumer will stop or control his or her inappropriate behavior without the use of the restraint;

(g) The record of the ~~client~~ consumer contains a notation that includes the time of day that the restraint was lessened or discontinued pursuant to paragraph (f), the response of the ~~client~~ consumer and the response of the member of the staff of the facility who applied the mechanical restraint;



(h) A member of the staff of the facility continuously monitors the ~~{client}~~ consumer during the time that mechanical restraint is used on the ~~{client;}~~ consumer; and

(i) The mechanical restraint is used only for the period that is necessary to contain the behavior of the ~~{client}~~ consumer so that the ~~{client}~~ consumer is no longer an immediate threat of causing physical injury to himself or herself or others or causing severe property damage.

2. Mechanical restraint may be used on a person with a disability who is a ~~{client}~~ consumer and the provisions of subsection 1 do not apply if the mechanical restraint is used to:

(a) Treat the medical needs of a ~~{client;}~~ consumer;

(b) Protect a ~~{client}~~ consumer who is known to be at risk of injury to himself or herself because the ~~{client}~~ consumer lacks coordination or suffers from frequent loss of consciousness;

(c) Provide proper body alignment to a ~~{client;}~~ consumer; or

(d) Position a ~~{client}~~ consumer who has physical disabilities in a manner prescribed in the ~~{client's}~~ consumer's plan of services.

3. If mechanical restraint is used on a person with a disability who is a ~~{client}~~ consumer in an emergency, the use of the procedure must be reported as a denial of rights pursuant to NRS 433.534, regardless of whether the use of the procedure is authorized by statute. The report must be made not later than 1 working day after the procedure is used.

4. The provisions of this section do not apply to a forensic facility, as that term is defined in subsection 5 of NRS 433.5499.

**Sec. 36.** NRS 433.5499 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.5499 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, mechanical restraint may be used on a person with a disability who is a ~~{client}~~ consumer of a forensic facility only if:

(a) An emergency exists that necessitates the use of the mechanical restraint;

(b) The ~~{client's}~~ consumer's behavior presents an imminent threat of causing physical injury to himself or herself or to others or causing severe property damage and less restrictive measures have failed to modify the ~~{client's}~~ consumer's behavior;

(c) The ~~{client}~~ consumer is in the care of the facility but not on the premises of the facility and mechanical restraint is necessary to ensure security; or

(d) The ~~{client}~~ consumer is in the process of being transported to another location and mechanical restraint is necessary to ensure security.

2. If mechanical restraint is used pursuant to subsection 1, the forensic facility shall ensure that:



(a) The mechanical restraint is applied by a member of the staff of the facility who is trained and qualified to apply mechanical restraint;

(b) A member of the staff of the facility continuously monitors the ~~client~~ consumer during the time that mechanical restraint is used on the ~~client;~~ consumer;

(c) The record of the ~~client~~ consumer contains a notation that indicates the time period during which the restraint was used and the circumstances warranting the restraint; and

(d) The mechanical restraint is used only for the period that is necessary.

3. Mechanical restraint may be used on a person with a disability who is a ~~client~~ consumer of a forensic facility, and the provisions of subsections 1 and 2 do not apply if the mechanical restraint is used to:

(a) Treat the medical needs of a ~~client;~~ consumer;

(b) Protect a ~~client~~ consumer who is known to be at risk of injury to himself or herself because the ~~client~~ consumer lacks coordination or suffers from frequent loss of consciousness;

(c) Provide proper body alignment to a ~~client;~~ consumer; or

(d) Position a ~~client~~ consumer who has physical disabilities in a manner prescribed in the ~~client's~~ consumer's plan of services.

4. If mechanical restraint is used in an emergency on a person with a disability who is a ~~client~~ consumer of a forensic facility, the use of the procedure must be reported as a denial of rights pursuant to NRS 433.534, regardless of whether the use of the procedure is authorized by statute. The report must be made not later than 1 working day after the procedure is used.

5. As used in this section, "forensic facility" means a secure facility of the Division for offenders and defendants with a mental disorder who are ordered to the facility pursuant to chapter 178 of NRS.

**Sec. 37.** NRS 433.5503 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.5503 1. Chemical restraint may only be used on a person with a disability who is a ~~client~~ consumer if:

(a) The ~~client~~ consumer has been diagnosed as mentally ill, as defined in NRS 433A.115, and is receiving mental health services from a facility;

(b) The chemical restraint is administered to the ~~client~~ consumer while he or she is under the care of the facility;

(c) An emergency exists that necessitates the use of chemical restraint;

(d) A medical order authorizing the use of chemical restraint is obtained from the ~~client's~~ consumer's attending physician or psychiatrist;



(e) The physician or psychiatrist who signed the order required pursuant to paragraph (d) examines the ~~client~~ consumer not later than 1 working day immediately after the administration of the chemical restraint; and

(f) The chemical restraint is administered by a person licensed to administer medication.

2. If chemical restraint is used on a person with a disability who is a ~~client~~ consumer, the use of the procedure must be reported as a denial of rights pursuant to NRS 433.534, regardless of whether the use of the procedure is authorized by statute. The report must be made not later than 1 working day after the procedure is used.

**Sec. 38.** NRS 433.5506 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.5506 1. Each facility shall develop a program of education for the members of the staff of the facility to provide instruction in positive behavioral interventions and positive behavioral supports that:

(a) Includes positive methods to modify the environment of ~~clients~~ consumers to promote adaptive behavior and reduce the occurrence of inappropriate behavior;

(b) Includes methods to teach skills to ~~clients~~ consumers so that ~~clients~~ consumers can replace inappropriate behavior with adaptive behavior;

(c) Includes methods to enhance a ~~client's~~ consumer's independence and quality of life;

(d) Includes the use of the least intrusive methods to respond to and reinforce the behavior of ~~clients;~~ consumers; and

(e) Offers a process for designing interventions based upon the ~~client~~ consumer that are focused on promoting appropriate changes in behavior as well as enhancing the overall quality of life for the ~~client.~~ consumer.

2. Each facility shall provide appropriate training for the members of the staff of the facility who are authorized to carry out and monitor physical restraint, mechanical restraint and chemical restraint to ensure that those members of the staff are competent and qualified to carry out the procedures in accordance with NRS 433.545 to 433.551, inclusive.

**Sec. 39.** NRS 433.554 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433.554 1. An employee of a public or private mental health facility or any other person, except a ~~client~~ consumer, who:

(a) Has reason to believe that a ~~client~~ consumer of the Division or of a private facility offering mental health services has been or is being abused or neglected and fails to report it;

(b) Brings intoxicating beverages or a controlled substance into any division facility occupied by ~~clients~~ consumers unless



1 specifically authorized to do so by the administrative officer or a  
2 staff physician of the facility;

3 (c) Is under the influence of liquor or a controlled substance  
4 while employed in contact with {client;} consumers, unless in  
5 accordance with a lawfully issued prescription;

6 (d) Enters into any transaction with a {client;} consumer  
7 involving the transfer of money or property for personal use or gain  
8 at the expense of the {client;} consumer; or

9 (e) Contrives the escape, elopement or absence of a {client;}  
10 consumer,

11 ➔ is guilty of a misdemeanor, in addition to any other penalties  
12 provided by law.

13 2. In addition to any other penalties provided by law, an  
14 employee of a public or private mental health facility or any other  
15 person, except a {client;} consumer, who willfully abuses or  
16 neglects a {client;} consumer:

17 (a) For a first violation that does not result in substantial bodily  
18 harm to the {client;} consumer, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

19 (b) For a first violation that results in substantial bodily harm to  
20 the {client;} consumer, is guilty of a category B felony.

21 (c) For a second or subsequent violation, is guilty of a category  
22 B felony.

23 ➔ A person convicted of a category B felony pursuant to this  
24 section shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a  
25 minimum term of not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not  
26 more than 6 years, or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both  
27 fine and imprisonment.

28 3. A person who is convicted pursuant to this section is  
29 ineligible for 5 years for appointment to or employment in a position  
30 in the state service and, if the person is an officer or employee of the  
31 State, the person forfeits his or her office or position.

32 4. A conviction pursuant to this section is, when applicable,  
33 grounds for disciplinary action against the person so convicted and  
34 the facility where the violation occurred. The Division may  
35 recommend to the appropriate agency or board the suspension or  
36 revocation of the professional license, registration, certificate or  
37 permit of a person convicted pursuant to this section.

38 5. For the purposes of this section:

39 (a) "Abuse" means any willful and unjustified infliction of pain,  
40 injury or mental anguish upon a {client;} consumer, including, but  
41 not limited to:

42 (1) The rape, sexual assault or sexual exploitation of the  
43 {client;} consumer;

44 (2) The use of any type of aversive intervention;



(3) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 433.5486, a violation of NRS 433.549; and

(4) The use of physical, chemical or mechanical restraints or the use of seclusion in violation of federal law.

➔ Any act which meets the standard of practice for care and treatment does not constitute abuse.

(b) ~~“Client”~~ **“Consumer”** includes any person who seeks, on the person’s own or others’ initiative, and can benefit from, care, treatment and training in a public or private institution or facility offering mental health services, or from treatment to competency in a public or private institution or facility offering mental health services. The term includes a ~~client~~ **consumer** of the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department.

(c) “Neglect” means any omission to act which causes injury to a ~~client~~ **consumer** or which places the ~~client~~ **consumer** at risk of injury, including, but not limited to, the failure to follow:

(1) An appropriate plan of treatment to which the ~~client~~ **consumer** has consented; and

(2) The policies of the facility for the care and treatment of ~~clients~~ **consumers**.

➔ Any omission to act which meets the standard of practice for care and treatment does not constitute neglect.

(d) “Standard of practice” means the skill and care ordinarily exercised by prudent professional personnel engaged in health care.

**Sec. 40.** NRS 433A.016 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433A.016 “Division facility” means:

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, any unit or subunit operated by the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services of the Department for the care, treatment and training of ~~clients~~ **consumers**.

2. Any unit or subunit operated by the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department pursuant to chapter 433B of NRS.

**Sec. 41.** NRS 433A.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433A.030 The administrative officers have the following powers and duties, subject to the administrative supervision of the Administrator:

1. To exercise general supervision of and establish regulations for the government of the facilities designated by the Administrator;

2. To be responsible for and supervise the fiscal affairs and responsibilities of the facilities designated by the Administrator;

3. To appoint such medical, technical, clerical and operational staff as the execution of his or her duties, the care and treatment of ~~clients~~ **consumers** and the maintenance and operation of the facilities designated by the Administrator may require;



4. To make reports to the Administrator, and to supply the Administrator with material on which to base proposed legislation;

5. To keep complete and accurate records of all proceedings, record and file all bonds and contracts, and assume responsibility for the custody and preservation of all papers and documents pertaining to his or her office;

6. To inform the public in regard to the activities and operation of the facilities;

7. To invoke any legal, equitable or special procedures for the enforcement of his or her orders or the enforcement of the provisions of this title and other statutes governing the facilities;

8. To submit an annual report to the Administrator on the condition, operation, functioning and anticipated needs of the facilities; and

9. To assume responsibility for the nonmedical care and treatment of ~~{clients}~~ consumers if that responsibility has not been delegated.

**Sec. 42.** NRS 433A.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433A.080 1. A coordinator of medical programs is the medical head of any division facility designated by the Administrator. The coordinator of medical programs:

(a) Must be a psychiatrist licensed to practice medicine or, in the case of a treatment facility authorized by paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 433B.290, a psychiatrist or a pediatrician licensed to practice medicine.

(b) May be a psychiatrist or pediatrician in private practice under contract to the Division.

(c) Must have such additional qualifications as are in accordance with criteria prescribed by the Department of Personnel and must be in the unclassified service of the State.

2. A coordinator of medical programs shall:

(a) Cause to be kept a fair and full account of all medical affairs;

(b) Have standard medical histories currently maintained on all ~~{clients,}~~ consumers, and administer or have administered the accepted and appropriate medical treatments to all ~~{clients}~~ consumers under his or her care, and may, by delegation of the administrative officer, be responsible for the nonmedical care and treatment of ~~{clients;}~~ consumers; and

(c) Undertake any diagnostic, medical or surgical procedure in the interest of the ~~{client,}~~ consumer, but only in accordance with the provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 433.484.

**Sec. 43.** NRS 433A.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433A.110 1. The administrative officer of a division mental health facility which provides treatment for inpatients may cause to be established a canteen operated for the benefit of ~~{clients}~~





1 **consumers** and employees of the facility. So far as practical within  
2 good business practices, the prices of commodities sold must  
3 approximate costs. The administrative officer shall cause to be kept  
4 a record of transactions in the operation of the canteen.

5 2. The Administrator may designate money from budgeted  
6 resources in appropriate amounts to each such facility for the  
7 establishment and operation of canteens. The money must be used to  
8 supplement the financial operation of the canteens, if required, to  
9 provide money for needy ~~{clients'}~~ **consumers'** canteen privileges,  
10 and to provide for such other expenditures benefiting the ~~{clients}~~  
11 **consumers** of such division facilities as the respective  
12 administrative officers may deem necessary. All proceeds of sale  
13 collected must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the  
14 appropriate operating account of the mental health facility. The  
15 operating account must separately identify in the record of  
16 transactions the proceeds of sale collected, the amount of budgeted  
17 resources used, and the total amount expended for the operations of  
18 the canteen. All proceeds of sale collected must be used for the  
19 operation of the canteen. Proceeds of sale collected which exceed  
20 the amount necessary to maintain the operation of the canteens must  
21 be used to benefit the ~~{clients}~~ **consumers**.

22 3. An appropriate sum may be maintained as petty cash at each  
23 canteen.

24 4. The respective administrative officers may cause to be  
25 appointed such staff as are necessary for the proper operation of the  
26 canteens.

27 **Sec. 44.** NRS 433A.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 433A.140 1. Any person may apply to:

29 (a) A public or private mental health facility in the State of  
30 Nevada for admission to the facility; or

31 (b) A division facility to receive care, treatment or training  
32 provided by the Division,

33 ➔ as a voluntary ~~{client}~~ **consumer** for the purposes of observation,  
34 diagnosis, care and treatment. In the case of a person who has not  
35 attained the age of majority, application for voluntary admission or  
36 care, treatment or training may be made on his or her behalf by the  
37 person's spouse, parent or legal guardian.

38 2. If the application is for admission to a division facility, or  
39 for care, treatment or training provided by the Division, the  
40 applicant must be admitted or provided such services as a voluntary  
41 ~~{client}~~ **consumer** if an examination by personnel of the facility  
42 qualified to make such a determination reveals that the person needs  
43 and may benefit from services offered by the mental health facility.

44 3. Any person admitted to a public or private mental health  
45 facility as a voluntary ~~{client}~~ **consumer** must be released



1 immediately after the filing of a written request for release with the  
2 responsible physician or that physician's designee within the normal  
3 working day, unless, within 24 hours after the request, the facility  
4 changes the status of the person to an emergency admission  
5 pursuant to NRS 433A.145. When a person is released pursuant to  
6 this subsection, the facility and its agents and employees are not  
7 liable for any debts or contractual obligations, medical or otherwise,  
8 incurred or damages caused by the actions of the person.

9 4. Any person admitted to a public or private mental health  
10 facility as a voluntary ~~client~~ consumer who has not requested  
11 release may nonetheless be released by the medical director of the  
12 facility when examining personnel at the facility determine that the  
13 ~~client~~ consumer has recovered or has improved to such an extent  
14 that the ~~client~~ consumer is not considered a danger to himself or  
15 herself or others and that the services of that facility are no longer  
16 beneficial to the ~~client~~ consumer or advisable.

17 5. A person who requests care, treatment or training from the  
18 Division pursuant to this section must be evaluated by the personnel  
19 of the Division to determine whether the person is eligible for the  
20 services offered by the Division. The evaluation must be conducted:

21 (a) Within 72 hours if the person has requested inpatient  
22 services; or

23 (b) Within 72 regular operating hours, excluding weekends and  
24 holidays, if the person has requested community-based or outpatient  
25 services.

26 6. This section does not preclude a public facility from making  
27 decisions, policies, procedures and practices within the limits of the  
28 money made available to the facility.

29 **Sec. 45.** NRS 433A.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 433A.145 1. If a person with mental illness is admitted to a  
31 public or private mental health facility or hospital as a voluntary  
32 ~~client,~~ consumer, the facility or hospital shall not change the status  
33 of the person to an emergency admission unless the hospital or  
34 facility receives, before the change in status is made, an application  
35 for an emergency admission pursuant to NRS 433A.160 and the  
36 certificate of a psychiatrist, psychologist or physician pursuant to  
37 NRS 433A.170.

38 2. A person whose status is changed pursuant to subsection 1  
39 must not be detained in excess of 48 hours after the change in status  
40 is made unless, before the close of the business day on which the 48  
41 hours expires, a written petition is filed with the clerk of the district  
42 court pursuant to NRS 433A.200.

43 3. If the period specified in subsection 2 expires on a day on  
44 which the office of the clerk of the district court is not open, the



1 written petition must be filed on or before the close of the business  
2 day next following the expiration of that period.

3 **Sec. 46.** NRS 433A.350 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 433A.350 1. Upon admission to any public or private mental  
5 health facility, each ~~{client}~~ *consumer* of the facility and the  
6 ~~{client's}~~ *consumer's* spouse and legal guardian, if any, must  
7 receive a written statement outlining in simple, nontechnical  
8 language all procedures for release provided by this chapter, setting  
9 out all rights accorded to such a ~~{client}~~ *consumer* by this chapter  
10 and chapters 433 and 433B of NRS and, if the ~~{client}~~ *consumer* has  
11 no legal guardian, describing procedures provided by law for  
12 adjudication of incompetency and appointment of a guardian for the  
13 ~~{client.}~~ *consumer.*

14 2. Written information regarding the services provided by and  
15 means of contacting the local office of an agency or organization  
16 that receives money from the Federal Government pursuant to 42  
17 U.S.C. §§ 10801 et seq., to protect and advocate the rights of  
18 persons with mental illnesses must be posted in each public and  
19 private mental health facility and provided to each ~~{client}~~  
20 *consumer* of such a facility upon admission.

21 **Sec. 47.** NRS 433A.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 433A.360 1. A clinical record for each ~~{client}~~ *consumer*  
23 must be diligently maintained by any division facility or private  
24 institution or facility offering mental health services. The record  
25 must include information pertaining to the ~~{client's}~~ *consumer's*  
26 admission, legal status, treatment and individualized plan for  
27 habilitation. The clinical record is not a public record and no part of  
28 it may be released, except:

29 (a) If the release is authorized or required pursuant to  
30 NRS 439.538.

31 (b) The record must be released to physicians, attorneys and  
32 social agencies as specifically authorized in writing by the ~~{client,}~~  
33 *consumer*, the ~~{client's}~~ *consumer's* parent, guardian or attorney.

34 (c) The record must be released to persons authorized by the  
35 order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

36 (d) The record or any part thereof may be disclosed to a  
37 qualified member of the staff of a division facility, an employee of  
38 the Division or a member of the staff of an agency in Nevada which  
39 has been established pursuant to the Developmental Disabilities  
40 Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, 42 U.S.C. §§ 15001 et  
41 seq., or the Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals  
42 Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. §§ 10801 et seq., when the Administrator  
43 deems it necessary for the proper care of the ~~{client.}~~ *consumer.*

44 (e) Information from the clinical records may be used for  
45 statistical and evaluative purposes if the information is abstracted in



such a way as to protect the identity of individual ~~elient~~  
~~consumers~~.

(f) To the extent necessary for a ~~elient~~ consumer to make a claim, or for a claim to be made on behalf of a ~~elient~~ consumer for aid, insurance or medical assistance to which the ~~elient~~ consumer may be entitled, information from the records may be released with the written authorization of the ~~elient~~ consumer or the ~~elient's~~ consumer's guardian.

(g) The record must be released without charge to any member of the staff of an agency in Nevada which has been established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 15001 et seq. or 42 U.S.C. §§ 10801 et seq. if:

(1) The ~~elient~~ consumer is a ~~elient~~ consumer of that office and the ~~elient~~ consumer or the ~~elient's~~ consumer's legal representative or guardian authorizes the release of the record; or

(2) A complaint regarding a ~~elient~~ consumer was received by the office or there is probable cause to believe that the ~~elient~~ consumer has been abused or neglected and the ~~elient~~ consumer:

(I) Is unable to authorize the release of the record because of the ~~elient's~~ consumer's mental or physical condition; and

(II) Does not have a guardian or other legal representative or is a ward of the State.

(h) The record must be released as provided in NRS 433.332 or 433B.200 and in chapter 629 of NRS.

2. As used in this section, ~~elient~~ "consumer" includes any person who seeks, on the person's own or others' initiative, and can benefit from, care, treatment and training in a private institution or facility offering mental health services, or from treatment to competency in a private institution or facility offering mental health services.

**Sec. 48.** NRS 433A.370 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433A.370 1. When a ~~elient~~ consumer committed by a court to a division facility on or before June 30, 1975, or a ~~elient~~ consumer who is judicially admitted on or after July 1, 1975, or a person who is involuntarily detained pursuant to NRS 433A.145 to 433A.300, inclusive, escapes from any division facility, or when a judicially admitted ~~elient~~ consumer has not returned to a division facility from conditional release after the administrative officer of the facility has ordered the ~~elient~~ consumer to do so, any peace officer shall, upon written request of the administrative officer or the administrative officer's designee and without the necessity of a warrant or court order, apprehend, take into custody and deliver the person to such division facility or another state facility.

2. Any person appointed or designated by the Director of the Department to take into custody and transport to a division facility



1 persons who have escaped or failed to return as described in  
2 subsection 1 may participate in the apprehension and delivery of any  
3 such person, but may not take the person into custody without a  
4 warrant.

5 **Sec. 49.** NRS 433A.390 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 433A.390 1. When a ~~{client,}~~ *consumer*, involuntarily  
7 admitted to a mental health facility by court order, is released at the  
8 end of the time specified pursuant to NRS 433A.310, written notice  
9 must be given to the admitting court and to the ~~{client's}~~  
10 *consumer's* legal guardian at least 10 days before the release of the  
11 ~~{client,}~~ *consumer*. The ~~{client,}~~ *consumer* may then be released  
12 without requiring further orders of the court. If the ~~{client,}~~  
13 *consumer* has a legal guardian, the facility shall notify the guardian  
14 before discharging the ~~{client,}~~ *consumer* from the facility. The legal  
15 guardian has discretion to determine where the ~~{client,}~~ *consumer*  
16 will be released, taking into consideration any discharge plan  
17 proposed by the facility assessment team. If the legal guardian does  
18 not inform the facility as to where the ~~{client,}~~ *consumer* will be  
19 released within 3 days after the date of notification, the facility shall  
20 discharge the ~~{client,}~~ *consumer* according to its proposed discharge  
21 plan.

22 2. An involuntarily court-admitted ~~{client,}~~ *consumer* may be  
23 unconditionally released before the period specified in NRS  
24 433A.310 when:

25 (a) An evaluation team established under NRS 433A.250 or two  
26 persons professionally qualified in the field of psychiatric mental  
27 health, at least one of them being a physician, determines that the  
28 ~~{client,}~~ *consumer* has recovered from his or her mental illness or  
29 has improved to such an extent that the ~~{client,}~~ *consumer* is no  
30 longer considered to present a clear and present danger of harm to  
31 himself or herself or others; and

32 (b) Under advisement from the evaluation team or two persons  
33 professionally qualified in the field of psychiatric mental health, at  
34 least one of them being a physician, the medical director of the  
35 mental health facility authorizes the release and gives written notice  
36 to the admitting court and to the ~~{client's}~~ *consumer's* legal  
37 guardian at least 10 days before the release of the ~~{client,}~~  
38 *consumer*. If the ~~{client,}~~ *consumer* has a legal guardian, the facility  
39 shall notify the guardian before discharging the ~~{client,}~~ *consumer*  
40 from the facility. The legal guardian has discretion to determine  
41 where the ~~{client,}~~ *consumer* will be released, taking into  
42 consideration any discharge plan proposed by the facility  
43 assessment team. If the legal guardian does not inform the facility as  
44 to where the ~~{client,}~~ *consumer* will be released within 3 days after



1 the date of notification, the facility shall discharge the {elient}  
2 **consumer** according to its proposed discharge plan.

3 **Sec. 50.** NRS 433A.420 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 433A.420 The medical director of a division facility may order  
5 the transfer to a hospital of the Department of Veterans Affairs or  
6 other facility of the United States Government any admitted {elient}  
7 **consumer** eligible for treatment therein. If the {elient} **consumer** in  
8 any manner objects to the transfer, the medical director of the  
9 facility shall enter the objection and a written justification of the  
10 transfer in the {elient's} **consumer's** record and forward a notice of  
11 the objection to the Administrator, and the Commission shall review  
12 the transfer pursuant to subsections 2 and 3 of NRS 433.534.

13 **Sec. 51.** NRS 433A.480 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 433A.480 1. The medical director of a division mental health  
15 facility shall have all persons adjudicated as persons with mental  
16 incompetence of that facility automatically evaluated no less than  
17 once every 6 months to determine whether or not there is sufficient  
18 cause to believe that the {elient} **consumer** remains unable to  
19 exercise rights to dispose of property, marry, execute instruments,  
20 make purchases, enter into contractual relationships, vote or hold a  
21 driver's license.

22 2. If the medical director has sufficient reason to believe that  
23 the {elient} **consumer** remains unable to exercise these rights, such  
24 information shall be documented in the {elient's} **consumer's**  
25 treatment record.

26 3. If there is no such reason to believe the {elient} **consumer** is  
27 unable to exercise these rights, the medical director shall  
28 immediately initiate proper action to cause to have the {elient}  
29 **consumer** restored to legal capacity.

30 **Sec. 52.** NRS 433A.580 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 433A.580 No person may be admitted to a private hospital or  
32 division mental health facility pursuant to the provisions of this  
33 chapter unless mutually agreeable financial arrangements relating to  
34 the costs of treatment are made between the private hospital or  
35 division facility and the {elient} **consumer** or person requesting his  
36 or her admission.

37 **Sec. 53.** NRS 433A.590 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 433A.590 1. Fees for the cost of treatment and services  
39 rendered through any division facility must be established pursuant  
40 to the fee schedule established under NRS 433.404 or 433B.250, as  
41 appropriate.

42 2. The maximum fee established by the schedule must  
43 approximate the actual cost per {elient} **consumer** for the class of  
44 {elient} **consumer** care provided.



3. The fee schedule must allow for a ~~client~~ consumer to pay a portion of the actual cost if it is determined that the ~~client~~ consumer and his or her responsible relatives pursuant to NRS 433A.610 are unable to pay the full amount. That determination must be made pursuant to NRS 433A.640 and 433A.650.

4. Any reduction pursuant to subsection 3 of the amount owed must not be calculated until all of the benefits available to the ~~client~~ consumer from third-party sources, other than Medicaid, have been applied to pay the actual cost for the care provided.

**Sec. 54.** NRS 433A.630 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433A.630 1. The administrative officers of the respective division facilities may enter into special agreements secured by properly executed bonds with the relatives, guardians or friends of ~~clients~~ consumers who are adjudicated to be ~~clients~~ consumers with mental incompetence for subsistence, care or other expenses of such ~~clients~~ consumers. Each agreement and bond must be to the State of Nevada and any action to enforce the agreement or bond may be brought by the administrative officer.

2. Financially responsible relatives pursuant to NRS 433A.610 and the guardian of the estate of a ~~client~~ consumer may, from time to time, pay money to the division facility for the future personal needs of the ~~client~~ consumer with mental incompetence and for the ~~client's~~ consumer's burial expenses. Money paid pursuant to this subsection must be credited to the ~~client~~ consumer in the ~~clients'~~ consumers' personal deposit fund established pursuant to NRS 433.539.

**Sec. 55.** NRS 433A.650 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433A.650 Determination of ability to pay pursuant to NRS 433A.640 shall include investigation of whether the ~~client~~ consumer has benefits due and owing to the ~~client~~ consumer for the cost of his or her treatment from third-party sources, such as Medicare, Medicaid, social security, medical insurance benefits, retirement programs, annuity plans, government benefits or any other financially responsible third parties. The administrative officer of a division mental health facility may accept payment for the cost of a ~~client's~~ consumer's treatment from the ~~client's~~ consumer's insurance company, Medicare or Medicaid and other similar third parties.

**Sec. 56.** NRS 433A.660 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433A.660 1. If the ~~client~~ consumer, his or her responsible relative pursuant to NRS 433A.610, guardian or the estate neglects or refuses to pay the cost of treatment to the division facility rendering service pursuant to the fee schedule established under NRS 433.404 or 433B.250, as appropriate, the State is entitled to recover by appropriate legal action all sums due, plus interest.





2. Before initiating such legal action, the division facility shall demonstrate efforts at collection, which may include contractual arrangements for collection through a private collection agency.

**Sec. 57.** NRS 433A.680 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433A.680 The expense of diagnostic, medical and surgical services furnished to a ~~elient~~ consumer admitted to a division facility by a person not on the staff of the facility, whether rendered while the ~~elient~~ consumer is in a general hospital, an outpatient of a general hospital or treated outside any hospital, must be paid by the ~~elient,~~ consumer, the guardian or relatives responsible pursuant to NRS 433A.610 for the ~~elient's~~ consumer's care. In the case of an indigent ~~elient~~ consumer or a ~~elient~~ consumer whose estate is inadequate to pay the expenses, the expenses must be charged to the county from which the admission to the division facility was made, if the ~~elient~~ consumer had, before admission, been a resident of that county. The expense of such diagnostic, medical and surgical services must not in any case be a charge against or paid by the State of Nevada, except when in the opinion of the administrative officer of the division mental health facility to which the ~~elient~~ consumer is admitted payment should be made for nonresident indigent ~~elients~~ consumers and money is authorized pursuant to NRS 433.374 or 433B.230 and the money is authorized in approved budgets.

**Sec. 58.** NRS 433A.690 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433A.690 Claims by a division mental health facility against the estates of deceased ~~elients~~ consumers may be presented to the executor or Administrator in the manner required by law, and shall be paid as preferred claims equal to claims for expenses of last illness. When a deceased person has been maintained at a division mental health facility at a rate less than the maximum usually charged, or the facility has incurred other expenses for the benefit of the person for which full payment has not been made, the estate of the person shall be liable if the estate is discovered within 5 years after the person's death.

**Sec. 59.** NRS 433B.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433B.070 "Division facility" means any unit or subunit operated by the Division for the care and treatment of ~~elients,~~ consumers.

**Sec. 60.** NRS 433B.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433B.130 1. The Administrator shall:

(a) Administer, in accordance with the policies established by the Commission, the programs of the Division for the mental health of children.

(b) Establish appropriate policies to ensure that children in division facilities have timely access to clinically appropriate



1 psychotropic medication that are consistent with the policies  
2 established pursuant to NRS 432B.197.

3 2. The Administrator may:

4 (a) Appoint the administrative personnel necessary to operate  
5 the programs of the Division for the mental health of children.

6 (b) Delegate to the administrative officers the power to appoint  
7 medical, technical, clerical and operational staff necessary for the  
8 operation of any division facilities.

9 3. If the Administrator finds that it is necessary or desirable  
10 that any employee reside at a facility operated by the Division or  
11 receive meals at such a facility, perquisites granted or charges for  
12 services rendered to that person are at the discretion of the Director  
13 of the Department.

14 4. The Administrator may accept children referred to the  
15 Division for treatment pursuant to the provisions of NRS 458.290 to  
16 458.350, inclusive.

17 5. The Administrator may enter into agreements with the  
18 Administrator of the Division of Mental Health and Developmental  
19 Services of the Department for the care and treatment of ~~clients~~  
20 **consumers** of the Division of Child and Family Services at any  
21 facility operated by the Division of Mental Health and  
22 Developmental Services.

23 **Sec. 61.** NRS 433B.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 433B.150 1. The Division shall employ such physicians  
25 within the various division facilities as are necessary for the  
26 operation of the facilities. The physicians must hold degrees of  
27 doctor of medicine from accredited medical schools and be licensed  
28 to practice medicine in Nevada.

29 2. Except as otherwise provided by law, the only compensation  
30 allowed such a physician is an annual salary, fixed in accordance  
31 with the pay plan adopted pursuant to the provisions of  
32 NRS 284.175.

33 3. The physicians shall perform such duties pertaining to the  
34 care and treatment of ~~clients~~ **consumers** as may be required.

35 **Sec. 62.** NRS 433B.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 433B.190 1. The Division shall adopt regulations to:

37 (a) Provide for a more detailed definition of abuse of a  
38 ~~client,~~ **consumer**, consistent with the general definition given in  
39 NRS 433B.340;

40 (b) Provide for a more detailed definition of neglect of a ~~client,~~  
41 **consumer**, consistent with the general definition given in NRS  
42 433B.340; and

43 (c) Establish policies and procedures for reporting the abuse or  
44 neglect of a ~~client,~~ **consumer**.



2. The regulations adopted pursuant to this section must, to the extent possible and appropriate, be consistent with the regulations adopted by the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services of the Department pursuant to NRS 433.331.

**Sec. 63.** NRS 433B.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433B.200 1. If a ~~client~~ consumer in a division facility is transferred to another division facility or to a medical facility, a facility for the dependent or a physician licensed to practice medicine, the division facility shall forward a copy of the medical records of the ~~client~~ consumer, on or before the date the ~~client~~ consumer is transferred, to the facility or physician. Except as otherwise required by 42 U.S.C. ~~§§ 290dd-3 and 290ee-3,~~ § 290dd-2, the division facility is not required to obtain the oral or written consent of the ~~client~~ consumer to forward a copy of the medical records.

2. As used in this section, "medical records" includes a medical history of the ~~client~~ consumer, a summary of the current physical condition of the ~~client~~ consumer and a discharge summary which contains the information necessary for the proper treatment of the ~~client~~ consumer.

**Sec. 64.** NRS 433B.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433B.210 The Division may:

1. By contract with general hospitals or other institutions having adequate facilities in this State, provide for inpatient care of ~~clients~~ consumers with mental illness.

2. Contract with appropriate persons professionally qualified in the field of psychiatric mental health to provide inpatient and outpatient care for children with mental illness when it appears that they can be treated best in that manner.

**Sec. 65.** NRS 433B.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433B.250 1. The Division shall establish a fee schedule for services rendered through any program supported by the State pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. The schedule must be submitted to the Commission and the Director of the Department for joint approval before enforcement. The fees collected by facilities operated by the Division pursuant to this schedule must be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the State General Fund, except as otherwise provided in NRS 433B.220 for fees collected pursuant to contract or agreement.

2. For a facility providing services for the treatment of children with mental illness, the fee established must approximate the cost of providing the service, but if a ~~client~~ consumer, or the parent or legal guardian of the ~~client~~ consumer, is unable to pay in full the fee established pursuant to this section, the Division may collect any



1 amount the ~~{elient,}~~ consumer, parent or legal guardian is able to  
2 pay.

3 **Sec. 66.** NRS 433B.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 433B.280 1. Upon the death of a ~~{elient}~~ consumer in a  
5 division facility, any known relatives or friends of the ~~{elient}~~  
6 consumer must be notified immediately of the fact of death.

7 2. The Administrator or the Administrator's designee shall  
8 cause a decent burial to be provided for the ~~{elient}~~ consumer  
9 outside the grounds of a division facility. The Administrator or the  
10 designee may enter into a contract with any person or persons,  
11 including governmental agencies or other instrumentalities, as the  
12 Administrator or the designee deems proper, for a decent burial.  
13 Where there are known relatives, and they are financially able, the  
14 cost of burial must be borne by the relatives. Where there are no  
15 known relatives, the cost of burial is a charge against the State of  
16 Nevada, except that the cost must not exceed the amount charged  
17 for the burial of indigents in the county in which the burial takes  
18 place.

19 **Sec. 67.** NRS 433B.340 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 433B.340 1. An employee of the Division or other person  
21 who:

22 (a) Has reason to believe that a ~~{elient}~~ consumer has been or is  
23 being abused or neglected and fails to report it;

24 (b) Brings intoxicating beverages or a controlled substance into  
25 any building occupied by ~~{elients}~~ consumers unless specifically  
26 authorized to do so by the administrative officer or a staff physician  
27 of the facility;

28 (c) Is under the influence of liquor or a controlled substance  
29 while employed in contact with ~~{elients,}~~ consumers, unless in  
30 accordance with a lawfully issued prescription;

31 (d) Enters into any transaction with a ~~{elient}~~ consumer  
32 involving the transfer of money or property for personal use or gain  
33 at the expense of the ~~{elient,}~~ consumer; or

34 (e) Contrives the escape, elopement or absence of a ~~{elient,}~~  
35 consumer,  
36 ➤ is guilty of a misdemeanor.

37 2. An employee of the Division or other person who willfully  
38 abuses or neglects any ~~{elient,}~~ consumer:

39 (a) If no substantial bodily harm to the ~~{elient}~~ consumer  
40 results, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

41 (b) If substantial bodily harm to the ~~{elient}~~ consumer results, is  
42 guilty of a category B felony and shall be punished by imprisonment  
43 in the state prison for a minimum term of not less than 1 year and a  
44 maximum term of not more than 6 years, or by a fine of not more  
45 than \$5,000, or by both fine and imprisonment.



3. A person who is convicted pursuant to this section is ineligible for 5 years for appointment to or employment in a position in the state service and, if he or she is an officer or employee of the State, the person forfeits his or her office or position.

4. For the purposes of this section:

(a) “Abuse” means any willful or reckless act or omission to act which causes physical or mental injury to a ~~client~~ consumer, including, but not limited to:

(1) The rape, sexual assault or sexual exploitation of the ~~client~~ consumer;

(2) Striking the ~~client~~ consumer;

(3) The use of excessive force when placing the ~~client~~ consumer in physical restraints; and

(4) The use of physical or chemical restraints in violation of state or federal law.

➔ Any act or omission to act which meets the standard practice for care and treatment does not constitute abuse.

(b) “Neglect” means any act or omission to act which causes injury to a ~~client~~ consumer or which places the ~~client~~ consumer at risk of injury, including, but not limited to, the failure to:

(1) Establish or carry out an appropriate plan of treatment for the ~~client~~ consumer;

(2) Provide the ~~client~~ consumer with adequate nutrition, clothing or health care; and

(3) Provide a safe environment for the ~~client~~ consumer.

➔ Any act or omission to act which meets the standard practice for care and treatment does not constitute neglect.

(c) “Standard practice” is the skill and care ordinarily exercised by prudent medical personnel.

**Sec. 68.** NRS 435.007 is hereby amended to read as follows:

435.007 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “Child” means any person under the age of 18 years who may be eligible for mental retardation services or services for a related condition.

2. “Parent” means the parent of a child. The term does not include the parent of a person who has attained the age of 18 years.

3. “Person” includes a child and any other ~~client~~ consumer with mental retardation or a related condition who has attained the age of 18 years.

4. “Residential facility for groups” means a structure similar to a private residence which will house a small number of persons in a homelike atmosphere.



**Sec. 69.** NRS 435.122 is hereby amended to read as follows:

435.122 1. Any person with mental retardation or a person with a related condition may apply to any mental retardation center for admission as a voluntary ~~client~~ **consumer**. The person's parent or guardian or another responsible person may submit the application on his or her behalf.

2. If the person or a responsible party on behalf of the person objects to voluntary admission, the procedure for involuntary admission may be followed.

**Sec. 70.** NRS 435.128 is hereby amended to read as follows:

435.128 1. Upon completion of the proceedings for involuntary admission of a person to a mental retardation center, if the court finds:

(a) That the person is a person with mental retardation or a person with a related condition, has demonstrated that the person is a clear and present danger to himself or herself or others and is in need of institutional training and treatment;

(b) That appropriate space and programs are available at the mental retardation center to which it is proposed that the person be admitted; and

(c) That there is no less restrictive alternative to admission to a mental retardation center which would be consistent with the best interests of the person,

the court shall by written order certify that the person is eligible for involuntary admission to a mental retardation center.

2. A certificate of eligibility for involuntary admission expires 12 months after the date of issuance if the ~~client~~ **consumer** has not been discharged earlier by the procedure provided in NRS 435.129. At the end of the 12-month period, the administrative officer of the mental retardation center may petition the court to renew the certificate for an additional period of not more than 12 months. Each petition for renewal must set forth the specific reasons why further treatment is required. A certificate may be renewed more than once.

**Sec. 71.** NRS 435.129 is hereby amended to read as follows:

435.129 1. If the administrative officer of a mental retardation center finds that a ~~client~~ **consumer** is no longer in need of the services offered at the center, the administrative officer shall discharge that ~~client~~ **consumer**.

2. A written notice of the discharge must be given to the ~~client~~ **consumer** and the ~~client's~~ **consumer's** representatives at least 10 days before the discharge.

3. If the ~~client~~ **consumer** was admitted involuntarily, the Administrator shall, at least 10 days before the discharge, notify the district court which issued the certificate of eligibility for the person's admission.



**Sec. 72.** NRS 435.350 is hereby amended to read as follows:

435.350 1. Each person with mental retardation and each person with a related condition admitted to a division facility is entitled to all rights enumerated in NRS 433.482, 433.484 and 433.545 to 433.551, inclusive.

2. The Administrator shall designate a person or persons to be responsible for establishment of regulations relating to denial of rights of persons with mental retardation and persons with related conditions. The person designated shall file the regulations with the Administrator.

3. ~~{Clients'}~~ *Consumers'* rights specified in NRS 433.482 and 433.484 may be denied only for cause. Any denial of such rights must be entered in the ~~{client's}~~ *consumer's* treatment record, and notice of the denial must be forwarded to the Administrator's designee or designees as provided in subsection 2. Failure to report denial of rights by an employee may be grounds for dismissal.

4. Upon receipt of notice of a denial of rights as provided in subsection 3, the Administrator's designee or designees shall cause a full report to be prepared which sets forth in detail the factual circumstances surrounding the denial. A copy of the report must be sent to the Administrator and the Commission.

5. The Commission has such powers and duties with respect to reports of denial of rights as are enumerated in subsection 3 of NRS 433.534.

**Sec. 73.** NRS 435.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:

435.360 1. The relatives of a ~~{client}~~ *consumer* with mental retardation or a ~~{client}~~ *consumer* with a related condition who is 18 years of age or older are not responsible for the costs of the ~~{client's}~~ *consumer's* care and treatment within a division facility.

2. The ~~{client}~~ *consumer* or the ~~{client's}~~ *consumer's* estate, when able, may be required to contribute a reasonable amount toward the costs of the ~~{client's}~~ *consumer's* care and treatment. Otherwise, the full costs of the services must be borne by the State.

**Sec. 74.** NRS 435.390 is hereby amended to read as follows:

435.390 1. The administrative officer of any division facility where persons with mental retardation or persons with related conditions reside may establish a canteen operated for the benefit of ~~{clients}~~ *consumers* and employees of the facility. The administrative officer shall keep a record of transactions in the operation of the canteen.

2. Each canteen must be self-supporting. No money provided by the State may be used for its operation.

3. The respective administrative officers shall deposit the money used for the operation of the canteen in one or more banks or





1 credit unions of reputable standing, except that an appropriate sum  
2 may be maintained as petty cash at each canteen.

3 **Sec. 75.** NRS 433.044, 433.459, 433A.014 and 433B.050 are  
4 hereby repealed.

5 **Sec. 76.** The Legislative Counsel shall, in preparing  
6 supplements to the Nevada Administrative Code, appropriately  
7 change, move or remove any words and terms in the Nevada  
8 Administrative Code in a manner that the Legislative Counsel  
9 determines necessary to ensure consistency with the provisions of  
10 this act.

11 **Sec. 77.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval  
12 for the purpose of adopting regulations and on January 1, 2012, for  
13 all other purposes.

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### TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

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**433.044 “Client” defined.** “Client” means any person who seeks, on his or her own or another’s initiative, and can benefit from, care, treatment and training provided by the Division, or from treatment to competency provided by the Division.

**433.459 “Client” defined.** “Client” means any person who seeks, on the person’s own or others’ initiative, and can benefit from, care, treatment and training in any facility, or from treatment to competency in any facility.

**433A.014 “Client” defined.** “Client” means any person who seeks, on the person’s own or another’s initiative, and can benefit from, care, treatment, treatment to competency or training provided by the Division.

**433B.050 “Client” defined.** “Client” means a child who seeks, on the child’s own or another’s initiative, and can benefit from care and treatment provided by the Division.

