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Notice of Hearing for the Amendment of Regulations of the Board of Health

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION

LCB File No. R072-26

Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 652

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Board of Health will hold a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) in accordance with NRS 652.100. This public hearing will be held in conjunction with the State Board of Health meeting on June 5, 2026.

The State Board of Health meeting will be conducted via video conference beginning at 9:00 a.m. on June 5, 2026, at the following locations:

Physical Locations

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Hearing Room 303
4150 Technology Way
Carson City, NV 89706

Southern Nevada Health District
Red Rock Trail Rooms A & B
208 S. Decatur Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89107

Virtual Information

Meeting Link

Microsoft Teams

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OTUwY2Q2NGQtNjJiYS00NGU2LWI1NjltMjcyMGJjNWU3NDcx%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%22e4a340e6-b89e-4e68-8eaa-1544d2703980%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%22768e443d-3be6-48f0-9bb0-7e72f1276b8d%22%7d

Please Note: If you are experiencing technical difficulties connecting online, please call into the meeting to participate by phone.

Join By Phone

775-321-6111

Conference ID: 239 762 069#

LCB File No. R072-26 addresses the following main topics:

- Increase licensing fees for medical laboratories and laboratory personnel licensed under NAC 652 by seven percent (7%).
- Increase monetary penalties within NAC 449 by seven percent (7%).

1. Anticipated effects on the business regulated by the proposed regulations:

A. Adverse effects:

- i. Direct adverse effects: Businesses will experience an increase in licensing fees due to the seven percent (7%) fee adjustment. Some small providers may need to reallocate budgets to absorb the increased fee, which may add to other financial strains already reported by the industry (e.g., salaries, supplies, and utilities).
- ii. Indirect adverse effects: There may be an impact on administrative or operational planning as businesses adjust to accommodate increased costs within annual budgets. The fee increase has been deliberately calibrated to help ensure its impact remains modest and manageable.

B. Beneficial effects:

- Improving regulatory capacity will support more consistent inspections, complaint investigations, and licensing processing, which businesses rely on.
- Enhancing oversight may reduce compliance errors, survey deficiencies, and operational disruptions.
- Increasing standardization and modernized systems may support long-term stability and operational clarity for providers.

C. Immediate effects:

- Immediate financial impact in the form of increased licensing fees.
- Some providers may experience short-term administrative adjustments as they prepare for the updated fee structure.

D. Long-term effects:

- Greater regulatory consistency, improved communication, and more efficient licensing and survey processes due to strengthened agency capacity.
- Reducing likelihood of delays in inspections, backlogs in licensing applications, or interruptions in regulatory services.
- Improving statewide health and safety infrastructure, benefiting compliant providers through a more stable operating environment.

2. Anticipated effects on the public:

A. Adverse effects:

- Some businesses may pass on increased operational costs to clients, which could impact individuals on fixed or low incomes.

B. Beneficial effects: Beneficial effects on the public include:

- Strengthening oversight will support improved quality of care, safety, and accountability within licensed facilities.
- Timelier inspections and investigations directly support the health of facility residents, patients, and vulnerable individuals and improve consumer confidence.
- A more stable regulatory system reduces risks associated with delays, compliance failures, and service disruptions.

C. Immediate effects:

- Minimal immediate effects on the public.
- Public benefits from continued regulatory oversight without interruption.

D. Long-term effects:

- Enhancing consumer protection and safer licensed facilities due to adequately resourced inspections and regulatory functions.
- Increasing public trust in the healthcare and medical laboratory systems as stronger oversight reduces adverse events and ensures consistent quality standards.
- Long-term improvement in statewide health and safety infrastructure.

3. Costs Associated with the Change

- The proposed regulation increases existing fees by seven percent (7%).
- Costs to individual businesses vary depending on the specific licensure category but generally reflect a modest adjustment of seven percent (7%).
- No significant additional administrative or enforcement-related costs to the agency are anticipated.
- The agency reports that the fee increase remains substantially below the 39% cumulative inflation of the last 15 years and is needed to maintain required operations such as inspections, complaint investigations, and system modernization.

4. Comparison of State Proposed Regulation to Federal Regulations

There are no known duplicative, overlapping, or are more stringent federal regulations governing the specific licensing fee increases addressed in LCB File No. R072-26.

Members of the public may make oral comments at this meeting. Persons wishing to submit written testimony or documentary evidence in excess of two typed 8-1/2" x 11" pages must submit the material to the Board's Secretary. The material must be received no later than May 21, 2026, at the following address:

Secretary, State Board of Health
Division of Public and Behavioral Health
4150 Technology Way, Suite 300
Carson City, NV 89706
stateBOH@health.nv.gov

Written comments, testimony, or documentary evidence in excess of two typed pages will not be accepted at the time of the hearing. The purpose of this requirement is to allow Board members adequate time to review the documents. Interested persons may submit written testimony or documentary evidence in excess of two typed pages as set forth above (to be received by May 15, 2026).

A copy of the notice and the proposed regulations is on file for inspection and/or may be copied at the following locations during normal business hours:

- Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health - 4150 Technology Way, Suite #300, Carson City, NV 89706
- Nevada Health Authority – 4070 Silver Sage Dr. Carson City, NV 89701
- Nevada Health Authority – 9850 Double R Blvd., Suite 200, Reno, NV 89521
- Nevada Health Authority/Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance – 727 Fairview Dr., Suite E, Carson City, NV 89701
- Nevada Health Authority/Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance – 500 E Warm Springs Rd., Suite 200, Las Vegas, NV 89119
- Nevada State Library and Archives – 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, NV, 89701
- Southern Nevada Health District Red Rock Trail Rooms A & B – 208 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89107

A copy of the regulations and the small business impact statement can be found online at:
<https://www.hcqc.nv.gov/notices/>

A copy of the public hearing notice can also be found on the Nevada Legislature’s webpage:
<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/>

Copies may be obtained in person, by mail, or by calling the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance at:

Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance
727 Fairview Drive, Suite E
Carson City, NV 89701
(775) 684-1030
PIO@nvha.nv.gov

Copies may also be obtained from the Nevada State Library at the address listed below:

Nevada State Library & Archives
100 N. Stewart Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Per NRS 233B.064(2), upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.



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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 19, 2026

To: Jon Pennell, DVM, Chair
State Board of Health

From: Andrea Rivers, Secretary
State Board of Health

Re: Consideration and adoption of proposed regulation R72-26 to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 652, to implement fee changes.

PURPOSE OF AMENDMENTS

The proposed regulations amend current regulations governing licensing fees for Medical Laboratories and Laboratory Personnel, as well as monetary penalties for Laboratories and Laboratory Personnel under NAC 652.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REGULATIONS IN LCB FILE #R72-26

- Increase licensing fees for Medical Laboratories and Laboratory Personnel licensed under NAC 652 by seven percent (7%).
- Increase monetary penalties in NAC 652 by seven percent (7%).

POSSIBLE OUTCOME IF PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS NOT APPROVED

If these proposed amendments are not approved by the Board of Health, the Nevada Health Authority, the Division of Health Care Purchasing and Compliance ("Division") may be unable to sustain essential regulatory functions that protect health and ensure facilities operate safely and in compliance with applicable standards. Failure to approve the fee adjustments would also reduce the Division's ability to conduct timely inspections, resolve complaints, process licensing applications, and modernize regulatory systems. As a result, this could potentially increase inspection delays, licensing backlogs, compliance errors, and operational disruptions for providers. Non-approval would further weaken statewide health and safety oversight, reduce consumer confidence, and impair the State's ability to maintain consistent quality and accountability across licensed Medical Laboratories and Laboratory Personnel. The proposed fee increase remains well below the 39 percent (39%) cumulative inflation over the past 15 years and is necessary to sustain core regulatory operations.

APPLICABILITY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The proposed regulations will apply statewide to Medical Laboratories and Laboratory Personnel licensed in accordance with NRS and NAC 652.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED

Pursuant to NRS 233B.0608(2)(a), the Division sought input from health care facilities, other interested parties and other State agencies. On March 17, 2026, the Division sent all affected facilities a link to complete the small businesses impact questionnaire and provide input on the proposed regulations through the Division's webpage. The results of the small business impact study are summarized in the Small Business Impact Statement. See Small Business Impact Statement, attached hereto.

On April 27, 2026, a Notice of Public Workshop was distributed to request input from health care facilities, other interested parties and other State agencies.

A public workshop was held on May 13, 2026. No written comments or testimony was received during public workshop process regarding the proposed regulations. A recording of the Public Workshop testimony and transcript will be available at: <https://www.hcqc.nv.gov/notices/>

On May 4, 2026, the Notice of Public Hearing for LCB File #R72-26 was posted, indicating that the hearing on these regulations will occur during the June 5, 2026 meeting of the State Board of Health meeting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the State Board of Health adopt the proposed amendments to NAC 652 set forth in LCB File No. R72-26. Approval of these amendments will allow the Division to maintain essential functions that protect public health and ensure that Medical Laboratories and Laboratory Personnel operate safely and in compliance with applicable standards.

PRESENTER

Chad Westom, Agency Manager

Attachments:

LCB File #R72-26

Small Business Impact Statement

Public Workshop Notice

Public Hearing Notice



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Notice of public workshop to solicit comments per Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 233B.061 on proposed regulations to be adopted to revise Chapter 652 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) and are being proposed in accordance with NRS 439.150, NRS 439.200, NRS 457.240, NRS 652.100, and NRS 652.125.

- Date of Publication:** Monday, April 27th 2026, at 11:30am
- Date and Time of Meeting:** Wednesday, May 13th, 2026, at 2:00pm PST
- Name of Organization:** The State of Nevada, Nevada Health Authority (NVHA), Health Care Purchasing and Compliance Division (HCPC)
- Place of Meeting:** This meeting will be conducted via video conference and telephone on Microsoft Teams and will be viewable in person.

Microsoft Teams: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/272582493501762?p=BGwyOkV8y8ZxhrlXcq>

- Meeting ID:** 272 582 493 501 762
- Passcode:** BQ3T7vJ3 (password should not be needed)
- Audio Only:** (775) 321-6111
- Conference ID:** 220 892 285#
- In person:** 727 Fairview Dr. STE. E Carson City, Nevada 89701

Note: The Nevada Health Care Purchasing and Compliance Division staff can be contacted to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the hearing. If special arrangements are necessary, please notify PIO@nvha.nv.gov before the meeting date. Si necesitas ayuda traduciendo este mensaje, por favor escribe a PIO@nvha.nv.gov.

If you need supporting documents for this meeting, please notify PIO@nvha.nv.gov before the meeting date.

Written information regarding this workshop can be sent to the Nevada Health Authority in advance of the meeting via email at PIO@nvha.nv.gov or if unable to send via email or need assistance please contact by telephone at 775-684-1070 to make other arrangements.

If at any time during the meeting, an individual who has been named on the agenda or has an item specifically regarding them, included on the agenda is unable to participate because of technical or other difficulties, please email PIO@nvha.nv.gov and note at what time the difficulty started so that matters pertaining specifically to their participation may be continued to a future agenda if needed or otherwise addressed.

Please be cautious and do not click on links in the chat area of the meeting unless you have verified, they are safe. If you ever have questions about a link in a document purporting to be from Nevada Health Authority, please do not hesitate to contact PIO@nvha.nv.gov for verification.

This meeting is a public meeting, recorded and held in compliance with and pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 241, Nevada Open Meeting Law and Nevada Revised Statutes, 233B Nevada Administrative Procedure Act. By participating, you consent to recording of your participation in this meeting. Please refrain from entering any information into the chat function of the video platform.

A person may also have comments added to the minutes of the meeting by submitting them in writing either in addition to testifying or in lieu of testifying. Written comments may be submitted electronically before, during, or after the meeting by email to PIO@nvha.nv.gov.

Use of obscenities or other behavior which disrupts the meeting to the extent that its orderly conduct is made impractical may result in the forfeiture of the opportunity to provide public comment or removal from the meeting.

The proposed regulations provide provisions for the following:

- Increase licensing fees for most of the facility types licensed under NAC 652 by seven percent (7%).
- Increase monetary penalties within chapter NAC 652 by seven percent (7%).

AGENDA

NOTICE:

1. Agenda Items may be taken out of order.
 2. Two or more items may be combined; and
 3. Items may be removed from the agenda or delayed at any time.
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- **Call to Order and introduction of the workshop process.**
 - The purpose of this workshop is to solicit input regarding the regulations to be developed and adopted by Nevada Health Authority. The proposed changes will revise Chapter 449 of the Nevada Administrative Code and are being proposed in accordance with NRS 449.0302.
 - **Public comment on proposed regulations.**
 - No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. To provide public comment telephonically, you may join the meeting by dialing (775) 321-6111 and when prompted to provide the conference ID, enter 220 892 285#. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will unmute themselves by pressing *6 and speak up briefly. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell

their last name. Those who wish to provide a written comment may submit their comment via email to PIO@nvha.nv.gov.

- **Public comment regarding any other issue.**

- No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. To provide public comment telephonically, you may join the meeting by dialing (775) 321-6111 and when prompted to provide the conference ID, enter 220 892 285#. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will unmute themselves by pressing *6 and speak up briefly. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name. Those who wish to provide a written comment may submit their comment via email to PIO@nvha.nv.gov.

- **Adjournment**

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS POSTED FOR INSPECTION AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS

PHYSICAL POSTINGS

- Nevada Health Authority – 4070 Silver Sage Dr. Carson City, NV 89701
- Nevada Health Authority, Health Care Purchasing and Compliance Division – 9850 Double R Blvd., Suite 200, Reno, 89521
- Nevada Health Authority, Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance – 500 E Warm Springs Rd., Suite 200, Las Vegas, NV 89119
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ONLINE POSTINGS

- Health Care Quality and Compliance Website: <https://www.hcqc.nv.gov/notices/>
- Nevada Administration’s website: <http://notice.nv.gov>
- Legislative Council Bureau website: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/app/notice/a/>

The notice and supporting materials for this workshop may be requested at the above locations during normal business hours or by contacting Nevada Health Authority staff at PIO@nvha.nv.gov or by calling 775-684-1030 or 702-486-6515.

In addition, the notice information was mailed to groups and individuals as requested and per NRS 233B.061. Supporting materials are available for the public at <https://www.hcqc.nv.gov/notices/>



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SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT 2026

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAC 652

The Nevada Health Authority (NVHA), Health Care Purchasing and Compliance Division, The Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC) has determined the proposed regulations have a minimal financial impact upon a small business. It is anticipated the proposed regulations will not limit the formation, operation or expansion of a small businesses.

A small business is defined in Nevada Revised Statutes NRS 233B as a "business conducted for profit which employs fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees."

This small business impact statement is made pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 (3) and complies with the requirements of NRS 233B.0609. As required by NRS 233B.0608(3), this statement identifies the methods used by the agency in determining the impact of the proposed regulation on a small business in sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 below and provides the reasons for the conclusions of the agency in section 8 below followed by the certification by the person responsible for the agency.

Background

HCQC is funded primarily by state licensing related fees. Most of these fees have not changed in more than 15 years, even as operating costs have increased significantly. Inflation alone has risen 39% during that time, reducing the Division's ability to maintain current service levels. HCQC has also taken on higher salary obligations, and a growing number of required inspections and complaint investigations. To continue providing effective oversight and protecting patients, residents, and the public, a fee adjustment is necessary.

The proposed regulations amend Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 652 and intend to increase fees in NAC 652 to seven percent (7%).

Seven percent (7%) represents only a fraction of the cumulative inflationary impact over the past 15 years and reflects a measured, responsible approach to ensuring the Division's continued operational stability while minimizing financial impact on licensed facilities.

1) A description of the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 (2)(a), HCQC requested input from small businesses that may be affected by the proposed regulations.

On March 17, 2026, an email with a link to the Small Business Impact Questionnaire and proposed regulations were emailed to 23,875 actively licensed medical laboratories and laboratory personnel.

The questions on the questionnaire were:

- 1) Will the regulations have any adverse economic effect upon your license?
- 2) Please list each which items and explain the adverse impact. Indicate the estimated dollar amount(s) you believe the adopted regulations will cost you over one calendar year with a brief explanation.
- 3) Will the regulation(s) have any beneficial effect upon your business?
- 4) If so, please explain and include any cost savings you believe the adopted regulations will save your business over one calendar year with an estimated dollar amount.
- 5) Do you anticipate any indirect adverse effects upon your business?
- 6) Please explain the indirect adverse effects.
- 7) Do you anticipate an indirect beneficial effects upon your business?
- 8) Please explain the indirect beneficial effects.

Summary of Responses

Summary of Comments Received (8 responses were received out of 23,875 emails sent to small businesses)	
Will the regulations have any adverse economic effect upon your license?	Yes – 6 No – 2
Please list each which items and explain the adverse impact. Indicate the estimated dollar amount(s) you believe the adopted regulations will cost you over one calendar year with a brief explanation.	<p>Comment: Increasing costs to operate when other reimbursement is decreasing puts additional burdens on the practice. The overall reimbursement rate for private offices decreased around 3% before inflation. Now you are asking for a 7% raise; WOW!!! That math does not work out in the favor of any small business. I already work 1 FTE down to cover increases in the cost of goods and services.</p> <p>Comment: 100k plus</p> <p>Comment: The 7% increase in fees will impact our ability to get accreditation. This is expected to cost us at least \$50.</p> <p>Comment: The proposed 7% increase in fees will have a direct and cumulative financial impact on our business. As a small healthcare-related organization operating with limited administrative margins, even modest fee increases contribute to rising operational costs. This increase comes at a time when small businesses are already managing higher expenses due to inflation, staffing costs, and compliance requirements. The added regulatory cost further reduces available resources for patient services, staffing, and operational improvements. Unlike larger organizations, small businesses have limited ability to absorb or offset increased regulatory costs.</p> <p>Comment: Any increase in any business taxes, licensing, etc. is an economic burden. We cannot recontract with insurance companies to increase our reimbursements</p>

	since most are unwilling to even email back to us, let alone increase our reimbursements. Our costs to run a private office keep increasing exponentially, not just salaries, but supplies, utilities, etc. There is no where to make up the difference. Seeing more patients does not make more money - but it increases costs and product expenses.
Will the regulation(s) have any beneficial effect upon your business?	Yes –1 No – 7
If so, please explain and include any cost savings you believe the adopted regulations will save your business over one calendar year with an estimated dollar amount.	<p>Comment: If the fee increase allows the DPH to increase the number in inspections happening, then we will benefit from having a sooner expected date for our inspection to get our initial CLIA license. This could save thousands depending on the time saved.</p> <p>Comment: No direct financial or operational benefit is anticipated for our business as a result of these proposed changes. While we understand the intent to support HCQC operations, the proposed fee increase does not provide measurable cost savings, efficiencies, or reductions in administrative burden for small businesses. At present, the regulation appears to increase costs without introducing offsetting benefits such as streamlined processes, reduced reporting requirements, or enhanced support services that would mitigate the financial impact.</p> <p>Comment: No cost savings.</p>
Do you anticipate any indirect adverse effects upon your business?	Yes – 4 No – 4
Please explain the indirect adverse effects.	<p>Comment: continued cost pressures may force early retirement or changes that precipitate additional loss of providers to the State of Nevada.</p> <p>Comment: Cost will be more without reimbursement</p> <p>Comment: none</p> <p>Comment: Already explained.</p>
Do you anticipate an indirect beneficial effects upon your business?	Yes – 8 No – 0
Please explain the indirect beneficial effects.	N/A

Responses were received from two (2) businesses that did not meet the definition of a small business and are not included in this summary.

Any other person interested in obtaining a copy of the summary may e-mail, call, or mail a request to:

Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance
727 Fairview Drive, Suite E
Carson City, NV 89701
Phone: 775-684-1070
Email: pio@nvha.nv.gov

2) Describe the manner in which the analysis was conducted.

The analysis involved analyzing feedback obtained from the small business impact questionnaire, review of the proposed regulations, review of statutes, and review of literature to help determine the economic impact to small business. Please see number 4 for the methods the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulations to small businesses. This information was then used to complete this small business impact statement including the conclusion on the impact of the proposed regulation on a small business found in number 8.

3) The estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small business which it is to regulate including, without limitation both adverse and beneficial effects and both direct and indirect effects.

Direct Beneficial Effects: The fee increase will provide greater financial stability for HCQC, helping ensure timely inspections, complaint investigations, licensing services, and regulatory oversight that small businesses rely on. The fee increase also supports continued regulatory oversight that promotes public trust in licensed laboratories, which may benefit compliant small facilities.

Indirect Beneficial Effects: Indirect beneficial effects (some of which may produce direct beneficial effects) will include reducing the future risk of larger, more abrupt fee increases by implementing a modest, incremental adjustment. The increase will also help maintain program capacity so small businesses experience fewer service delays, improving operational predictability.

Direct Adverse Effects: Small businesses will incur a 7% increase in licensing and renewal fees. Some facilities with narrow operating margins may experience short-term financial strain when adjusting annual budgets.

Indirect Adverse Effects: Increased operational costs may indirectly affect pricing, cost recovery- strategies, or investment decisions for some small facilities. Businesses with historically low compliance resources may experience increased pressure to allocate funds toward regulatory obligations rather than other operational needs.

4) Provide a description of the methods that the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used any of those methods.

The Division considered several methods to reduce the impact of the proposed seven percent (7%) fee increase on small businesses and incorporated those measures where feasible. As required by NRS

233B.0608(2)(a), the Division solicited input from affected small businesses by emailing 23,875 actively licensed medical laboratories and laboratory personnel, providing access to the Small Business Impact Questionnaire and the proposed regulations. In developing the regulation, the Division evaluated approaches to lessening the financial and administrative burden, including limiting the fee increase to a modest seven percent (7%) well below the cumulative inflationary impact over the past 15 years and ensuring the adjustment remained proportionate for smaller providers. The Division also reviewed whether operational efficiencies or regulatory simplifications could offset costs and incorporated several streamlining measures in related regulatory sections to reduce administrative workload for smaller entities.

After assessing these options, the Division determined a minimal fee adjustment was necessary to support the HCQC's ability to carry out mandated inspections, investigations, and oversight activities, but used mitigation methods available by keeping the increase as low as possible while maintaining essential public health and safety functions.

5) The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.

There are no anticipated costs to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulations.

6) If the proposed regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the Division expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.

The proposed seven percent (7%) fee increase under NAC 652 is expected to generate additional annual revenue for the HCQC. This estimate reflects current dollar-based licensure and renewal volumes across all categories of medical laboratories that use the NAC 652.488 fee schedule as the baseline, with the 7% adjustment applied. All collected funds will be dedicated exclusively to Division's state licensing fee fund, under which will be used to:

- Maintain current service levels amid a 39% inflationary increase over the past 15 years.
- Meet increased salary obligations for licensed facility oversight staff.
- Conduct a growing number of required inspections and complaint investigations.
- Modernize licensing infrastructure to enhance online services and customer experience.

This increase ensures the HCQC's continued ability to protect patients, residents, and the public through effective regulatory oversight including inspections, investigations, and program administration while minimizing costs to small businesses.

7) An explanation of why any duplicative or more stringent provisions than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity are necessary.

There are no known duplicate or more stringent provisions regulating the same activity.

8) Provide a summary of the reasons for the conclusions of the agency regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses.

The reason for this conclusion is based on the analysis conducted pursuant to number two of this document. After reviewing statutes, the proposed regulations, feedback from industry, modifications made to the proposed regulations, a conclusion could be drawn regarding the impact of the regulations on small businesses.

Certification by Person Responsible for the Agency

I, Cynthia Leech, Administrator of the Health Care Purchasing and Compliance Division certify to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Cynthia Leech

04/23/2026

Signature Cynthia Leech (Apr 23, 2026 15:57:45 PDT)

Date: _____