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## Compliance Resource for Plan Review Application

*Read all the following information before you start your Plan Review application.*

The Nevada Health Authority (NVHA), Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC), licenses more than 30 types of health care facilities. Not all facilities are required to submit plans for review. You are required to submit plans for review if criteria below in sections I, II and/or III applies:

### ***I. If you represent any of these types of facilities:***

- Facility for the Care of Adults during the Day (ADC)
- Residential Facility for Groups (AGC) with more than ten beds
- Hospital (HOS), any classification including General, Psychiatric, Rehabilitation, Critical Access
- Rural Hospital (RUH)
- Facility for Skilled Nursing (SNF)
- Freestanding Birthing Center/Obstetric Center (OBC)
- Facility for Intermediate Care (ICF)
- Community Triage Center (CTC)
- Facility for the Treatment of Abuse of Alcohol or Drugs (ADA)
- Independent Center for Emergency Medical Care (ICE)
- Recovery Centers (RCF)
- Surgical Center for Ambulatory Patients (ASC)
- Facility for Modified Medical Detoxification (MDX)
- Mobile Unit (MBU)

### ***II. And you are an applicant who is:***

- Applying for a new facility license (exception: change of ownership); or
- Making changes to number of beds, provision of services, fixed equipment modifications, or change of use in a currently licensed facility.

### ***III. And you are planning any of the following activities:***

- To build a new facility
- To remodel a currently licensed facility
- To make an addition to a currently licensed facility
- To change the use of all or part of a currently licensed facility
- To install an automatic fire sprinkler system
- To install a system to pipe in medical gasses

Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 449 describes the required provision of services and construction for each facility type subject to plan review. More detailed statutory citations and guidelines are described below and in Table 1 “Building and Design Codes by Facility Type” starting on page 7.

As referenced in [NAC 449.0105](#), your architectural plans for construction or remodeling must meet standards published by nationally recognized organizations. You may obtain those reference standards by contacting those organizations directly. Per [NAC 449.0115\(1\)\(c\)](#) submit two complete sets of building plans for new construction or remodeling prepared by a registered architect, registered residential designer or licensed general contractor to the entity designated to review such plans by the Division. See page 5.

### ***Functional Program and Safety Risk Assessment***

If you are submitting plans for a type of facility required to be designed and constructed with the Facility Guidelines Institute (FGI) for “Design & Construction of Health Care Facilities,” then you must submit a digital copy of your Functional Program and Safety Risk Assessment (including Infection Control Risk Assessment) to [nvhaplanreview@nvha.nv.gov](mailto:nvhaplanreview@nvha.nv.gov) for the following facility types:

The following types of facilities are subject to this requirement:

- Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC)
- Hospital (HOS) - All Classifications
- Skilled Nursing (SNF)
- Freestanding Birthing Center/Obstetric Center (OBC)
- Recovery Centers (RCF)
- Mobile Units (MBU)

Refer to the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Facility Guidelines Institute (FGI) for Instructions for the following applicable functional programs. For more details, visit <https://www.fgiguideines.org/>

- The Guideline for Design and Construction of Hospitals
- The Guideline for Design and Construction of Outpatient Facilities
- The Guideline for Design and Construction of Residential Health Care, and Support Facilities

### ***NFPA Guidelines***

See Table 1 “Building and Design Codes by Facility Type” starting on page 7, to determine if this applies to your facility type.

“National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101, Life Safety Code” “National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 99, Health Care Facility Code”

National Fire Protection Association  
1 Batterymarch Park  
Quincy, Massachusetts U.S. 02169-7471  
(800) 344-3555  
[www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org) or <http://catalog.nfpa.org>

### ***Fire and Life Safety Code Requirements***

Per NRS 449.0307, for review of fire and life safety code requirements, for construction anywhere in Nevada, contact:

Nevada State Fire Marshal  
107 Jacobsen Way  
Carson City, NV 89711  
(775) 684-7500  
[www.fire.nv.gov](http://www.fire.nv.gov)

NOTE: To obtain a Certificate of Compliance from the State Fire Marshal (SFM), first submit your application to HCQC. HCQC licensing will generate a request to the SFM for inspection. SFM will then contact you about the fee and scheduling for inspection.

### ***Local Building and Local Fire Codes***

Submit the architectural plans to the city or county in which the entity will be constructed for construction requirements, approvals and a building permit. You do not need your local building permit before you submit your plans with this Plan Review application; however, changes required after you submit your Plan Review application may incur additional fees.

### ***Certificate of Need***

If your health facility is located in a county with a population fewer than 100,000 and the construction project exceeds \$2,000,000, then you may need a Certificate of Need approval, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes [\(NRS\) 439A.100](#). Contact:

Nevada Health Authority  
4070 Silver Sage  
Carson City, NV 89701  
[nvhapio@nvha.nv.gov](mailto:nvhapio@nvha.nv.gov)  
[https://nvha.nv.gov/home/Programs/certificate\\_of\\_need/](https://nvha.nv.gov/home/Programs/certificate_of_need/)

### ***Food Establishment Permit – Plan Review NRS Chapter 446***

[NRS 446.930](#) requires review of plans for construction or remodeling of food establishments before construction begins. Please note that health care facilities and dependent care facilities with more than 10 beds are required to have a Food Establishment Permit. Therefore, food establishment plans for any new construction or remodeling must be reviewed before construction begins. The plan review is advisory only; a Food Establishment Permit will not be issued until an on-site inspection is conducted and determined to be compliant with [NAC 446](#). You can find the application for Food Establishment permit at our webpage <https://www.dpbh.nv.gov/regulatory/hcqc/health-facility-licensing-and-information/facility-kitchen-and-pools/>

Review and approval are conducted by a NVHA Environmental Health specialist. Submit the food establishment plans to one of the office locations listed below. The food establishment plan review is not conducted by our third-party plan reviewers.

Please send your items to the closest office based on your location. (see next page):

HCQC North office –

Attention: Food Establishment Permit  
Health Care Quality and Compliance      or  
727 Fairview Drive, Suite E  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

HCQC South Office –

Attention: Food Establishment Permit  
Health Care Quality and Compliance  
500 E Warm Springs Rd., Suite 200  
Las Vegas, NV 89119

### ***Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)***

For questions regarding Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, ADA Nevada may be able to assist you with your plans.

ADA Nevada is sponsored by the Nevada University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at the University of Nevada, Reno, campus and helps people with disabilities and businesses to better understand the Americans with Disabilities Act. ADA Nevada is committed to assisting with the development and implementation of accessible programs, services, facilities and employment practices. Contact:

ADA Nevada  
MS0285 University of Nevada  
Reno, NV 89557  
[syoungs@unr.edu](mailto:syoungs@unr.edu)  
(775) 378-1311  
[https://www.unr.edu/nced/projects/nced\\_ada](https://www.unr.edu/nced/projects/nced_ada)

*Your Plan Review documents must be submitted with a HCQC license application, if you are:*

- Applying for a new facility, or
- Making changes to an existing licensed facility, or
- Changing the number of beds, provision of services or changing the use in an existing facility.

If the above applies to you and you have not already submitted a license application with the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC), please visit <https://nvdpbh.athent.com/Login.aspx> to apply for initial licensure for a new facility or the applicable change/amendment application for your current license before proceeding.

The license application will need to be in the system and will remain valid until construction is complete. The expiration clock for your application begins upon construction completion. The applicant will have for 1 year from construction completion to complete the processes and become licensed.

Note: If, over time, there are substantial changes to the plans or services to be provided as described in this Plan Review, additional applications and fees may be required.

Once your HCQC license application and fee has been initiated, the Plan Review documents listed below can be submitted.

If you are submitting plans for construction that will not change the information on an existing facility license, then you do not need submit a HCQC license application; however, you must submit the rest of the documentation on the following list.

## PLAN REVIEW APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

### 1. Online application:

- The complete the Plan Review application online form  
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=5kCj5J64aE6OqhVE0nA5gl-d6vfZNddLnFltLYRsqapUNjA3RVRMQkdKVjWwloxNU1LNEYxQ0REQiQLQCN0PWcu>

or see the [Construction and Plan Review webpage](#) for the link.

If you have any questions or changes for the submission of your online application, contact [nvhaplanreview@nvha.nv.gov](mailto:nvhaplanreview@nvha.nv.gov), the Las Vegas office at 702-668-6515 or Carson City office at 775-684-1030.

**NOTE:** All of the reference requirements below will also be listed in your online application for reference. *After completing the online application form, you will have selected one of the third-party plan reviewers also referenced here on page 6.*

**Please ship or deliver the following items directly to your chosen plan reviewer.**

### 2. Plans for Review:

- Include **two (2) sets** of accurate and complete plans stamped by a Nevada licensed Architect, Engineer and/or Residential Designer. Include structural and geotechnical calculations if facility is in a jurisdiction with no local building department
  - Send **one (1) hard copy set**, and **one (1) electronic copy** to your chosen plan reviewer.

### 3. FGI (if applicable):

- If applicable, submit a digital copy *Functional Program **and** Safety Risk Assessment*, which includes the *Infection Control Risk Assessment*. (see page 2 for more information and to determine if your facility type applies to this specific requirement).

### 4. Payment:

- Visit the fee assessment information website from your chosen plan reviewer listed below to understand payment requirements prior to shipping your items.

### 5. Health Facility License Application Summary (if applicable):

- If you were required to apply for a licensure application with HCQC, please provide digital copy of your **application summary** which can be downloaded from your license account.

***Submit all documentation for tracking purposes to your selected plan reviewer.***

Third-Party Plan Reviewers

<p><b>PSWC Architects</b></p> <p>1930 Village Center Cir., Ste. 3-475 Las Vegas, NV 89134</p> <p><b>Corey Wissenback, Principal Architect</b></p> <p>W: 702-259-0011 C: 702-374-4512 <a href="mailto:corey@pswcarchitects.com">corey@pswcarchitects.com</a></p> <p>Fee calculator: <a href="https://pswcarchitects.com/plan-review-fees/">https://pswcarchitects.com/plan-review-fees/</a></p>	<p><b>KGA Architecture</b></p> <p>9075 West Diablo Dr., Ste 300, Las Vegas, NV 89148</p> <p><b>Darris Peterson, Senior Assoc./Project Manager</b></p> <p>W: 702-367-6900 <a href="mailto:dpeterson@kga.design">dpeterson@kga.design</a> <a href="mailto:planreview@kga.design">planreview@kga.design</a></p> <p>Fee calculator: <a href="https://kga.design/kga-plan-review-fee-calculation.html">https://kga.design/kga-plan-review-fee-calculation.html</a></p>	<p><b>IN 2 IT Architecture</b></p> <p>5135 S. Durango Dr., #103, Las Vegas, NV 89113</p> <p><b>Larry Staples, President/ Principal in Charge</b></p> <p>W: 702-852-2252 <a href="mailto:larry.staples@in2itarchitecture.com">larry.staples@in2itarchitecture.com</a></p> <p>Fee calculator: <a href="http://in2itarchitecture.com/plan-review/">http://in2itarchitecture.com/plan-review/</a></p>
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Ambulatory Surgery Center	<p>Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC)</p> <p>NRS 444.340 &amp; 444.350</p> <p>NAC 449.0105 NAC 449.983 NAC 449.9843 NAC 449.9935 NAC 449.9937 NAC 449.9965 NAC 449.997</p> <p><b>NFPA 101</b> in the form most recently published by the National Fire Protection Association, <b>NFPA 99</b> in the form most recently published by the National Fire Protection Association,</p>	2012 NFPA 101 & 2012 NFPA 99	Local Building/Fire Codes	<p>Guidelines for Design and Construction of Outpatient Facilities</p> <p>Functional Program Requirement</p> <p>Infection Control Risk Assessment</p>

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Adult Day Care	Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), most current edition at time of application  Most current edition at time of application - NRS 444.340 & 444.350  NAC 449.4063 NAC 449.4074 NAC 449.4082 NAC 446.010 to 446.844	None	Current Local Building/Fire Codes	Not applicable at this time.



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Treatment of Abuse of Alcohol or Drugs	Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), most current edition  NRS 444.340 & 444.350  NAC 449.081 NAC 449.123 NAC 449.129(1)-(4) NAC 449.132 NAC 449.135 NAC 449.147(6)(10) NAC 446.010 to 446.844 2015 NFPA 101 Facilities housing 17 or more client's use "Existing Hotel and Dormitories" Facilities housing 16 or fewer client' use "Lodging or Rooming Houses"	None	Current Local Building/Fire Codes	Not applicable at this time

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Community Triage Centers	Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), most current edition  NRS 444.340 & 444.350  NAC 449.74357 to 449.74373 NAC 446.010 to 446.844  2015 NFPA 101	None	Current Local Building/Fire Codes	Not applicable at this time
Hospice	Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), most current edition  NRS 444.340 & 444.350  NAC 449.0187 For Free Standing Hospice for acute inpatients  NFPA 101	2012 NFPA 101 & 2012 NFPA 99	Current Local Building/Fire Codes	Not applicable at this time

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Hospitals	Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), most current edition  NRS 444.340 & 444.350  NAC 449.0105 NAC 449.312 NAC 449.3154 NAC 449.3156 NAC 449.338 NAC 446.010 to 446.844 2015 NFPA 101 2015 NFPA 99	2012 NFPA 101, 2011 NFPA 70 & 2012 NFPA 99	Current Local Building/Fire Codes	Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals  General Hospital, Psychiatric or rehabilitation Hospital Chapters  Functional Program Requirement Infection Control Risk Assessment
Independent Center for Emergency Care	Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), most current edition  NRS 444.340 & 444.350  NAC 449.0105 NAC 449.61352 NAC 449.61354 NAC 449.6138 NAC 449.685  2015 NFPA 101 2015 NFPA 99	None	Current Local Building/Fire Codes	Not applicable at this time

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Intermediate Care	Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), most current edition  NRS 444.340 & 444.350  NAC 449.0105 NAC 449.716 NAC 446.010 to 446.844 NAC 449.685  2015 NFPA 101 2015 NFPA 99	2012 NFPA 101	Current Local Building/Fire Codes	Guidelines for Design and Construction of Residential Health, Care, and Support Facilities  Functional Program Requirement Infection Control Risk Assessment
Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled	Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), most current edition  NRS 444.340 & 444.350  NAC 449.732 to 449.743 NAC 446.010 to 446.844 2015 NFPA 101	2012 NFPA 101 2012 NFPA 99	Current Local Building/Fire Codes	Not applicable at this time

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Mobile Unit	Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), most current edition  NRS 444.340 & 444.350  NAC 449.0105 NAC 449.97026 NAC 449.97028 NAC 449.9703	None	Current Local Building/Fire Codes	Guidelines for Design and Construction of Outpatient Facilities  Specific Requirements for Mobile/Transportable Medical Units Chapter
Modified Medical Detoxification	Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), most current edition  NRS 444.340 & 444.350  NAC 449.15351(6) NAC 449.15355 NAC 449.15359 NAC 449.15361 NAC 449.15365 NAC 446.010 to 446.844  NFPA 101	None	Current Local Building/Fire Codes	Not applicable at this time

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Freestanding Birthing Center/ Obstetric Center	Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), most current edition  NRS 444.340 & 444.350  NAC 449.613895 NAC 449.6139 NAC 449.613905 NAC 449.61391 NAC 449.613915	None	Current Local Building/Fire Codes	Not applicable at this time
Open Heart Surgery Centers	Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), most current edition  NRS 444.340 & 444.350 NAC 449.0105 NAC 449.61226 NAC 449.61228 NAC 449.6123 NAC 449.61234 NAC 449.61238 ** NAC 449.6124 NAC 449.61242 ** NAC 449.61244 **Refer to NRS & NAC 652 for laboratory licensure			Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals

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Residential Facility for Groups	Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), most current edition  NRS 444.340 & 444.350  NAC 449.156 to 449.2766 NAC 446.010 to 446.844	None	Current Local Building/Fire Codes	Not applicable at this time
Skilled Nursing	Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), most current edition  NRS 444.340 & 444.350  NAC 449.0105 NAC 449.74525(8) NAC 499.74543 NAC 449.74549 NAC 446.010 to 446.844 2015 NFPA 101 2015 NFPA 99	2012 NFPA 101 & 2012 NFPA 99 2011 NFPA 70	Current Local Building/Fire Codes	Guidelines for Design and Construction of Residential Health, Care, and Support Facilities  Functional Program Requirement Infection Control Risk Assessment
Structural Standards for All Medicare Certified Facilities		2012 NFPA 101 2012 NFPA 99	Current Local Building/Fire Codes	