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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Richard Whitley, MS *Director* 

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Director Richard Whitley, MS State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services 400 West King St, Suite 300 Carson City, NV, 89703

## Dear Director Whitley:

On behalf of the Home Care Employment Standards Board (HCESB) created by Senate Bill (SB) 340, it has been recommended that the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) require all Nevada Medicaid Functional Assessment Service Plans be made available to personal care agencies in a timely manner and distributed to clients as called for in functional assessment instructions for Medicaid.

The motion calling for this recommendation passed by the Board during the October 25, 2022, HCESB meeting and fulfills Sections 16.2(e) of SB 340:

The impact of home care programs, the larger system for long-term care in this State and any efforts to reach the goal of rebalancing long-term care services towards home and community-based services on the wages and working conditions of home care employees.

Personal care agencies and recipients having access to this information will improve the working conditions of home care employees by allowing them to develop an adequate care plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Sincerely,

**Cody Phinney** 

Chair of the Home Care Employment Standards Board

**Deputy Administrator** 

Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health