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# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Richard Whitley, MS  
Director

November 2, 2022

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) commission an investigation into the numbers of people in Nevada who:

- Have complex care needs being met in home environments;
- How many personal caregivers in Nevada are paid and how many are not paid to perform "skilled" tasks for their care recipients;
- Who is meeting a client's complex care needs (personal care agencies, family, friends, self);
- Any other data that addresses the need for medically based respite funding to relieve caregivers and family members performing skilled tasks.

This data should be collected with the intent of developing policies that serve communities in need of skilled respite services.

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

*The adequacy of payment practices and policies of the State as such practices and policies relate to the reimbursement of home care employers for the provision of services under a home care program.*

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cody H. Phinney".

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