

Domestic Violence Proposed Regulation Summary

- Allows for electronic submission of applications.
- Adds a few more requirements to the initial certification application such as Nevada business identification number unless exempt by Secretary of State's office and owner information.
- Requires that a program director be identified and establishes the director's qualifications and duties.
- Updates training requirements.
- Changes the initial application approval process from the Committee to having the Committee provide recommendations to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding new domestic violence programs.
- Removes the requirements that CEU's must be obtained partially in person and allows CEU's to be completed entirely online.
- Removes the ability to renew a provisional certificate from two times to only one 18 months provisional certificate without the ability to renew.
- Describes the disciplinary action that can be taken for failure to comply with regulatory and statutory requirements.
- Models the inspection and complaint processes on the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance's facility processes.
- Repeals the hearing/appeal processes in the current regulations and replaces them with the processes outlined in NAC 439.300 to NAC 439.345.
- Reduces the group counseling session size from not more than 24 offenders to not more than 16 offenders with an annual average of not more than 12 offenders per session.
- Allows an offender that resides more than 70 miles from the nearest program to attend counseling sessions by electronic media, if certain criteria are met.
- If an offender cannot pay for a program, despite use of a sliding scale, the program may require the offender to take the corresponding amount of community service equal to the length of the class he or she would take with the program.
- Requires a program to evaluate each offender to see if he or she would benefit from individual sessions and if it is determined that the offender would benefit, the program is to ensure the offender is provided individual counseling on a frequency determined by the provider of treatment.

NOTE: The above provisions are subject to change as the proposed regulations undergo the regulatory process.

Committee on Domestic Violence Responsibility for Domestic Violence Certified Treatment Programs

The Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) has taken over all responsibilities regarding the certification of domestic violence treatment programs. The only responsibility the Committee has is to review new domestic violence treatment programs and provide any recommendation to the DPBH regarding the new program.