

# UNLICENSED HEALTH CARE IN NEVADA'S LATINO COMMUNITY

What Nevada can do to address this issue

## IN BRIEF

In response to a significant number of reports involving illegal health care in Nevada's Latino community, including death, an initiative was undertaken to create a cultural awareness program revolving around the issue of unlicensed health care. The initiative included discussions among community stakeholders, law enforcement, the Nevada State Health Division, and political leaders in order to identify immediate solutions, create an on-going process to increase collaboration and communication in developing a cohesive response to the growing incidences of these practices, and to communicate to the public at large the dangers of engaging unlicensed health care practitioners.

***RESPONDING TO UNLICENSED HEALTH CARE IN NEVADA: A Plan for Action*** is the result.

The full Plan includes a 50 State Statutory Review and an in-depth report about unlicensed activity. The Nevada Legislature is expected to address this issue during the 2013 Session.

The Plan includes many recommendations and strategies designed to educate policy makers and the public, and to increase cooperation between Nevada's Health and Law Enforcement Communities.

The Plan includes 2010 Census information that shows 26.5% of the population in Nevada are members of the Latino Community.

The Plan also includes a compilation of the extensive work the Latino Research Center of the University of Nevada, Reno has done on this project and the "NO a los Medicos Clandestinos" campaign.

2-1-1 in Nevada is now available to take reports of illegal health care activity.

## CONCLUSION

Nevada is not the only state facing this problem. Unlicensed health care is a serious and growing issue and is against the law. Those who are interested in improving health care should also be interested in stopping unlicensed health care.

