



Technical Bulletin

Division of Public and Behavioral Health

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Topic: Hospital and Referrals to Victims of Crime Services

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To: Nevada Hospitals

Considering catastrophic and traumatic events that have unfolded in Las Vegas, the purpose of this technical bulletin is to remind all hospitals of the importance of providing discharge planning services with consideration to the needs of patients that have suffered a traumatic event as the result of a criminal act. This is in line with the hospital discharge regulations found in Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 449.332 which includes providing the patient, members of the family of the patient and any other person involved in caring for the patient with such information as is necessary to prepare them for the posthospital care of the patient.

In these cases, an appropriate discharge should include a referral to services for victims of crime.

Resources

- ❖ The [National Center for Victims of Crime](https://victimsofcrime.org/) website found at: <https://victimsofcrime.org/>
- ❖ [Reacting to Catastrophic Event, What to Expect, How to Respond](#) (Division of Public and Behavioral Health PowerPoint based on the PFA Field Operations Guide by Dr. Leon Ravin can be found at: [Click here](#))
- ❖ Nevada Department of Administration, [Victims of Crime webpage](#) found at: <http://voc.nv.gov/>
- ❖ Office of Justice Programs, [Office for Victims of Crime](#) found at: <https://www.ovc.gov/help/>

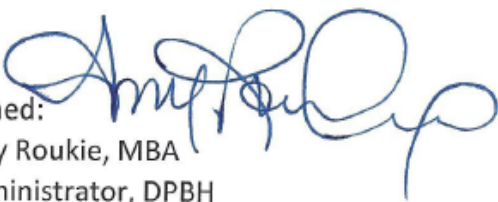
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