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NEWS RELEASE

BUREAU OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY and COMPLIANCE FINES **NORTH LAS VEGAS METHADONE CLINIC**

Carson City – The Nevada State Health Division's Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance has fined a North Las Vegas methadone clinic \$800 for failing to follow federal regulations. The Center for Behavioral Health LV – Cheyenne, an outpatient clinic located at 3470 W. Cheyenne Ave. Suite 400, was surveyed beginning February 13, 2009 and ending March 2, 2009.

During the review, the facility was found to have violated federal regulations in several areas. The most serious violation was the failure of the clinic physician to personally evaluate and admit 11 of 20 clients to the methadone maintenance program.

The facility did not appeal the fine. A plan to correct the deficiencies identified in the survey has been submitted and found acceptable by the Bureau. A monitoring visit was conducted on March 11, 2009, and the facility was found to be back in compliance.

The Bureau issues press releases about the facilities it regulates in limited circumstances: where major public health concerns are identified in licensed facilities; in significant cases of repeat violations in licensed facilities; in cases of the suspension or revocation of a license; in cases where patient harm has occurred; and in cases where unlicensed facilities are operating.

The Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance protects the safety and welfare of the public through the promotion and advocacy of quality health care through licensing, regulation, enforcement and education. This mission is accomplished through the Bureau's two sections: Licensure and Certification, which regulates facilities such as nursing homes, assisted living facilities, group homes, hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers and laboratories; and Radiological Health, which evaluates and responds to hazards from sources of ionizing radiation such as X-ray machines, sources of radiation to treat cancer and mammography units.

For health facilities, more than 900 surveys are conducted each year of Nevada's licensees. More information about the Bureau, including a list of unlicensed facilities, may be found at health.nv.gov.

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