

Changes in Optometry Laws and Upcoming NAC Workshop

New changes to optometry laws in NRS 636 occurred in the 2023 legislative session and are attached here [AB432 - 636 \(2023\)](#). A special thank you to Assemblyman Dr. Koenig and Board President Dr. Smith for shepherding such a massive undertaking from start to finish. We are now tasked with creating Nevada Administrative Codes (NACs) for these statutes to apply in professional practice, using the 2020 NACs as a foundation attached here [R066-19 - 636 \(2020\)](#). The Board invites you to join us in that process on **Thursday, October 26, at 6:30 pm via ZOOM** for a workshop on those proposed NACs. Observation, suggestions, comments, concerns and feedback are all welcome. No RSVP required.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82057711970?pwd=QXZhNTBweVIrTEFBTWWh6dmdhNGpOQT09>

Meeting ID: 820 5771 1970

Passcode: 478467

Changes in Professional Negligence/Medical Malpractice Laws

New changes to professional negligence laws in NRS 41A occurred in the 2023 legislative session and are attached here [AB404 - 41A \(2023\)](#). These include the increase of available pain & suffering damages, and an increase in the statute of limitations for patients to timely file a lawsuit; effective October 1, 2023. Contact your insurance broker to see how these changes may impact your coverage going forward.

Changes in Executive Director

A big thank you to our outgoing Executive Director, Caren Cafferata-Jenkins, Esq. Caren joined us in 2016 and recently retired, serving with exceptional leadership and dedication. We have appreciated all of the hard work she has done for the Board including streamlining our electronic licensing process, increasing website functionality, and organizing a refund to optometrists using excess reserve funds. Her decades of legal experience were instrumental in helping modernize our optometry laws in multiple legislative sessions that occurred during her tenure. She was a tremendous asset to the Board and the optometry community as a whole and will be greatly missed. We congratulate Caren on a well-deserved retirement! Please welcome our incoming Executive Director, Adam Schneider, Esq. Adam has over fifteen years of experience in healthcare law, professional negligence/medical malpractice, and healthcare provider Board investigations which made him a valuable hire for our Board and membership. We look forward to his service for years to come.