

## **449.394 Psychiatric services**

### **1.**

A hospital which has a designated area set aside for use on a continuous basis for the treatment and care of psychiatric patients is deemed to operate a psychiatric service and shall comply with the requirements in this section.

### **2.**

A licensed physician may render psychiatric care in any licensed hospital on a short term or emergency basis.

### **3.**

A hospital shall develop and carry out policies and procedures for the provision of psychiatric treatment and behavioral management services that are consistent with NRS 449A.200 to 449A.263, inclusive, to ensure that the treatment and services are safely and appropriately used. The hospital shall ensure that the policies and procedures protect the safety and rights of the patient.

### **4.**

The medical direction of the psychiatric unit and the psychiatric services provided by the hospital must be under the direct supervision of a qualified member of the medical staff.

### **5.**

All nursing services provided with regard to the provision of psychiatric care must be provided under the direction of a registered nurse.

**6.**

A consulting medical staff composed of qualified persons in appropriate specialties must be available at all times to the patients in the psychiatric unit.