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**The State of Nevada, Public Employees' Benefits Program  
Earns URAC Core Accreditation**

*The designation demonstrates the highest level of commitment to quality healthcare*

Carson City, Nevada –The State of Nevada, Public Employees' Benefits Program (PEBP) is proud to announce it is the first public sector program nationwide to receive Core Accreditation\* from URAC. URAC is the independent leader in promoting healthcare quality through accreditation, certification and measurement. By achieving this status, PEBP demonstrates it has met rigorous standards in quality and accountability in such areas as Regulatory Compliance, Quality Management, Consumer Protection and Empowerment, Information Management, and Health Care System Coordination.

“PEBP is honored to be recognized by URAC through their comprehensive accreditation program,” said Executive Officer Damon Haycock. “State employees, retirees and their dependents should feel proud and reassured knowing their health program has successfully shown it meets a higher national standard of healthcare, and we are excited to blaze the trail for other public sector programs.”

“By applying for and achieving Core Accreditation, The State of Nevada, Public Employees' Benefits Program has demonstrated a commitment to quality that is rarely seen among public sector programs,” said URAC President and CEO Kylanne Green. “Quality healthcare is demanded and deserved by every patient. Through its commitment to quality and its willingness to measure themselves against national standards, PEBP has demonstrated its leadership among the nation's public sector programs.”

The accreditation is effective April 1, 2018 through April 1, 2021. PEBP plans to continue to undergo the URAC accreditation review process every three years.

**About PEBP**

*PEBP administers to Nevada state and local employees, retirees, and their families a group health and life insurance program which offers comprehensive medical, prescription drug, dental, vision, life, and long-term disability insurance. The organization is responsible for designing and managing a quality health care program for approximately 43,000 primary participants and 27,000 covered dependents, totaling over 70,000 lives. <https://pebp.state.nv.us/>*

**About URAC**

*Founded in 1990, URAC is the independent leader in promoting healthcare quality through accreditation, certification and measurement. URAC is a nonprofit organization developing evidence-based measures and standards through inclusive engagement with a range of stakeholders committed to improving the quality of healthcare. Our portfolio of accreditation and certification programs span the healthcare industry, addressing healthcare management, healthcare operations, health plans, pharmacies, telehealth providers, physician practices, and more. URAC accreditation is a symbol of excellence for organizations to showcase their validated commitment to quality and accountability*

*\*For those submitting applications after March 15, 2018, URAC Core Accreditation is now URAC Organizational Management Certification.*

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