## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

SANDRA SHATZMAN, Appellant,

vs.

HORIZON SPECIALTY HOSPITAL, AN IHS (INTEGRATED HEALTH SERVICES OPERATED FACILITY); STAN LENTZ, CEO OF HORIZON SPECIALTY HOSPITAL; ROSNER PATRICK LUSS, M.D.; ALOK SAXENA, M.D.; UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER; HOWARD WONG; AND DARREN W. SOONG, Respondents.

No. 41014

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## ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

This is a proper person appeal from a district court order that dismissed appellant's medical malpractice claim.

NRS 41A.071, enacted in the Nevada Legislature's 2002 special session, requires a party filing an action for medical malpractice in the district court to include an affidavit supporting the allegations contained in the complaint. The affidavit must be submitted by a medical expert who practices or has practiced in an area that is substantially similar to the type of practice engaged in at the time of the alleged

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malpractice. The district court "shall dismiss the action, without prejudice," if an action is filed without the required affidavit.<sup>1</sup>

Appellant Sandra Shatzman filed a medical malpractice action against respondents without a supporting affidavit. The district court correctly dismissed her action without prejudice pursuant to NRS 41A.071. Accordingly, we

ORDER the judgment of the district court AFFIRMED.<sup>2</sup>

Rose, J.

Maripin , J.

Gibbons

J.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See NRS 41A.071.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Although appellant was not granted leave to file papers in proper person, see NRAP 46(b), we have considered the proper person documents received from appellant.

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