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Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
Notice of meeting to solicit public comments and intent to act
Upon Amendments to the Medicaid Services Manual (MSM)

Public Hearing March 14, 2013
Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting	March 14, 2013 at 9:00 am
Name of Organization	State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)
Place of Meeting	The Nevada State Health Division 4150 Technology Way, Room 303 Carson City, NV 89706
Place of Video Conference:	Division of Health Care Financing and Policy 1210 S. Valley View Blvd., Suite 104 Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

Attendees

In Carson City, NV

Laurie Squartsoff, DHCFP	Marta Stagliano, DHCFP
Darrell Faircloth, DAG	Bruce Arkell, NV Senior Advocates
Deborah Paul, DHCFP	Tammy Moffitt, DHCFP
Cynthia Magana, DHCFP	Jennifer White, DHCFP
Sheila Lambert, DHCFP	Jenni Bonk, DHCFP
Amy Garland, ADSD	Sherry Crance, ADSD
Nicole Batien, ADSD	Michelle Rubinstein, ADSD
Peter Vogel, Catholic Charities	Kate High, CSA
Paula Beckley, FBNN	

In Las Vegas, NV

JoAndra C-Johnson, JLK Home Care	Stephanie Kueua, A Simple Solution
Veronica Alfaro T, Quality Service PC	Juan C Alfaro L, Quality Service PC
Kate Parker, JLK Home Care	Judy Wehankikk, MSW Student
Jason Bouchard, DHCFP	Jackie Diaso, Visiting Angels
Susan Nielsen, DHCFP	Gabriel Lither, DAG
Steven Eisen, Children's Heart Center	

Introduction:

Ms. Marta Stagliano, Chief of Compliance, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP), opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Ms. Laurie Squartsoff, Administrator of the DHCFP and Mr. Darrell Faircloth, Senior Deputy Attorney General (DAG).

Ms. Stagliano – The notice for this public hearing was published on February 12, 2013 in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statute 422.2369.

1. Discussion and Proposed Adoption of MSM Chapter 3500 – Persona Care Services Program

Ms. Deborah Paul – Revisions to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 3500 are being made to the current Flexibility of Service Delivery policy. The total weekly authorized hours for Activities of Daily living (ADLs) and Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs) may be combined and tailored to meet the needs of the recipient, as long as the plan does not alter medical necessity. The provider and recipient will determine how to use the weekly authorized hours on an ongoing basis; however, any changes that do not increase the total authorized hours can be made within a single week without an additional authorization.

The effective date is March 15, 2013.

At the conclusion of Ms. Paul’s presentation, Ms. Stagliano asked Ms. Squartsoff, Administrator, and Mr. Faircloth, DAG, if they had any questions or comments.

Ms. Squartsoff’s Comments:

- No Comments

Mr. Faircloth’s Comments:

- Mr. Faircloth asked for an explanation of “as long as the plan does not alter medical necessity.”

Ms. Tammy Moffitt responded the DHCFP has always used medical necessity as the basis as to whether a person is eligible for personal care services. In the past the DHCFP has not combined ADLs and IADLs. With the flexibility of the services, the total hours for ADLs and IADLs are combined and the recipient can use those in any combination they desire as long as it remains through medical necessity.

Mr. Faircloth clarified the services that are provided are a medically necessary service.

Ms. Moffitt responded a functional assessment is completed by the physical occupational therapist who determines what activities of daily living the recipient qualifies for. For example if the recipient qualifies for laundry and meal preparation, the recipient cannot add in essential shopping.

Public Comments:

- Mr. Bruce Arkell commented the changes are beneficial for both the recipient and the providers and they offer their support.

Ms. Stagliano – Recommended the Administrator approve as submitted.

Ms. Squartsoff – Approved as submitted.

Ms. Stagliano – Closed the Public Hearing on MSM Chapter 3500 – Personal Care Services Program.

2. General Public Comments

- Mr. Bruce Arkell commented there has been discussion with the DHCFP regarding the licensure requirements and the duplicative information required for the different agencies. The personal care agencies are filing essentially duplicative information to the DHCFP and the licensure agency. He asked if there is a way this process can move forward and be streamlined.

Ms. Stagliano responded she will take the information back to the DHCFP.

There were no further comments and Ms. Stagliano adjourned the public hearing at 9:12 am.

**An Audio (CD) version of this meeting is available through the DHCFP Administration office for a fee. For more detailed information on any of the handouts, submittals, testimony and or comments please contact Rita Mackie at rmackie@dhefp.nv.gov or you may call (775) 684-3681.*