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Notice of meeting to solicit public comments and intent to act
Upon Amendments to the Medicaid Services Manual (MSM)

Public Hearing December 12, 2013
Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: December 12, 2013 at 9:20 am (or at the conclusion of the State Plan Public Hearing-(only if State Plan Public Hearing is prior to MSM Public Hearing))

Name of Organization: State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)

Place of Meeting: Nevada State Legislature Building
401 So. Carson Street Room 2135
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Place of Video Conference: Grant Sawyer Office Building
555 E. Washington Avenue Suite 4406
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Attendees

In Carson City, NV

Elizabeth Aiello, DHCFP	Janice Prentice, DHCFP
Tiffany Lewis, DHCFP	Darrell Faircloth, DAG
Coleen Lawrence, DHCFP	Shannon Sprout, DHCFP
Silvia Giancontieri, DHCFP	Debra Sisco, DHCFP
Sarah Spohn, DHCFP	Renee' L. Portnell, Parent
Bill Welch, NHA	Steve Boline, NRHP
Patty Thompson, DHCFP	Jon Sasser, WLS
Dwight Hansen, NHA	Diane Ross
Carrissa Tashiro, NDALC	

In Las Vegas, NV

Janet Belcove-Shalin, NDALC

Scott Steplen

Introduction:

Ms. Patty Thompson, Chief of Fiscal Integrity, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP), opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Ms. Elizabeth Aiello, Deputy Administrator of the DHCFP and Mr. Darrell Faircloth, Senior Deputy Attorney General (DAG).

Ms. Thompson – The notice for this public hearing was published on November 8, 2013 in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statute 422.2369.

1. **Discussion and Proposed Adoption of Medicaid Operations Manual (MOM) Chapter 600 - Katie Beckett Eligibility Option**

Ms. Thompson commented MOM Chapter 600 will be pulled from the agenda.

2. **Discussion and Proposed Adoption of Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 700 - Rates and Cost Containmentment**

Ms. Janice Prentice:

Revisions to MSM Chapter 700 are being made to add the outline on the rules and certifications for provider participation in the Nevada Private Hospital Upper Payment Limit (UPL) supplemental payment program.

The effective date is December 13, 2013.

At the conclusion of Ms. Prentice's presentation, Ms. Thompson asked Ms. Aiello, Deputy Administrator, and Mr. Faircloth, Senior DAG, if they had any questions or comments.

Ms. Aiello's Comments:

- No Comments

Mr. Faircloth's Comments:

- No Comments

Public Comments:

- No Comments

Ms. Thompson – Recommended the Deputy Administrator approve as submitted.

Ms. Aiello – Approved as submitted.

Ms. Thompson – Closed the Public Hearing for the Medicaid Services Chapter 700 - Rates and Cost Containmentment.

3. Discussion and Proposed Adoption of MSM Chapter 1700 - Therapy

Ms. Tiffany Lewis reported the change for the fiscal impact on the agenda. \$130,431,149 changes to \$20,652,886 for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014 and \$87,504,171 changes to \$16,603,895 for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2015.

Ms. Shannon Sprout:

Revisions to MSM Chapter 1700 were made in order to add maintenance therapy, creating a seamless benefit package. Nevada Medicaid will cover maintenance therapy under physical, occupational, and speech therapy as a benefit for all Medicaid and Nevada Check Up Recipients.

The effective date is January 1, 2014.

At the conclusion of Ms. Sprout's presentation, Ms. Thompson asked Ms. Aiello, Deputy Administrator, and Mr. Faircloth, Senior DAG, if they had any questions or comments.

Ms. Aiello's Comments:

- No Comments

Mr. Faircloth's Comments:

- No Comments

Public Comments:

- Ms. Diane Ross commented adding Maintenance Therapy to the list of services is a very positive addition. This can impact many people with chronic disabilities and allow them to maintain their level of independence. Limiting the number of therapy sessions to ten visits in three years may not be enough of an intervention to meet the goals determined by the client, family, physician and therapists. These limitations may especially affect people with chronic disabilities. She recommended to not put time in a number of session limitations because they already have a prior authorization. If the concern is fiscal, then consider the cost of maintenance if independence is not met as a result of limiting those services.
- Mr. Jon Sasser concurred with Ms. Ross's comments.
- Ms. Aiello thanked all for their comments. They will take the information into consideration and will be looking forward to the next Legislative session.

Ms. Thompson – Recommended the Deputy Administrator approve as amended.

Ms. Aiello – Approved as amended.

Ms. Thompson – Closed the Public Hearing for the Proposed Adoption of MSM Chapter 1700 - Therapy.

4. General Public Comments

- Ms. Janet Belcove-Shalin submitted questions regarding Chapter MSM 600.
- Ms. Aiello thanked Ms. Belcove-Shalin for her comments and responded the DHCFP staff will contact her with a response.

5. Adjournment

There were no further comments and Ms. Thompson adjourned the public hearing at 9:37 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.*