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Notice of meeting to solicit public comments and intent to act
Upon Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services

Public Hearing March 14, 2013
Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting	March 14, 2013 at 9:15am Upon Completion of the 9:00 AM Medicaid Services Manual 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	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
Darrell Faircloth, DAG
Tiffany Lewis, DHCFP
Sean Campbell, Pediatrics
Michelle Rubinstein, ADSD
Joanna Jacob, Ferrari Public Affairs
Cynthia Magana, DHCFP
Jennifer White, DHCFP
Jenni Bonk, DHCFP

Marta Stagliano, DHCFP
John Whaley, DHCFP
Nick Camadio, Pediatrics
Nicole Batién, ADSD
Sherry Crance, ADSD
Tammy Moffitt, DHCFP
Deborah Paul, DHCFP
Sheila Lambert, DHCFP

In Las Vegas, NV

Steven Eisen, Children's Heart Center
Danesha Richardson, ASI
Gabriel Lither, DAG

Judy Wehankikk, MSW Student
Jason Bouchard, DHCFP

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 13, 2013 in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statute 422.2369.

1. Discussion of Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and Solicitation of Public Comments for Primary Care Physician Rate Increase

Ms. Tiffany Lewis:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have implemented a rate increase for certain Primary Care Physicians for calendar year 2013 and 2014. Per Section 1902 (a)(13) of the Affordable Care Act, eligible primary care physicians will receive an increase in payment for certain Evaluation and Management codes 90460 through 99499 and Vaccination Administration codes 90460, 90461, 90471, 90472, 90473 and 90474. The following Provider Type (PT) will be affected by this change: Provider Type 20 (Physician, M.D.) with the specialties of Family Medicine, General Internal Medicine and Pediatric Medicine along with their corresponding subspecialties and Provider Types 24 (Certified R.N. Practitioner) and 77 (Physician's Assistant) who work under the supervision of a qualifying Provider Type 20. The DHCFP has determined the financial impact to be as follows: \$18,624,951 for SFY 2013 and \$18,624,951 for SFY 2014.

The effective date is January 1, 2013.

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

Ms. Squartsoff's Comments:

- Ms. Squartsoff asked if notice was given to primary care physicians on how to provide the attestation form to the DHCFP and where the notice was provided.

Ms. Lewis responded the notification has been provided at multiple locations. Once clarification was received from CMS last fall, the DHCFP started posting the information on the DHCFP website under the Rates and Cost Containment section. There is also a link to the American Board of Medical Specialties website with information. A letter went out from the fiscal agent. It will be posted again in the April newsletter and the Nevada Medical Board also placed it in one of their newsletters.

Mr. Faircloth's Comments:

- Mr. Faircloth asked if the provider news bulletin provides the information a physician or provider would need in order to appropriately begin receiving these payments.

Ms. Lewis responded the DHCFP has posted the most current information they have received from CMS regarding who qualifies, what subspecialties qualify and has listed the specific groups CMS has excluded from the program.

Mr. Faircloth asked how the supplemental payments will appear on their remittance and will it be readily recognizable.

Ms. Lewis responded the information will be processed similarly to what is done with the University of Nevada School of Medicine payments or the supplemental payments made to federally qualified health centers. These will be processed on a quarterly basis.

Mr. Faircloth asked if this will always be paid as a supplemental payment.

Ms. Lewis responded at this time yes due to this only being done through 2014.

Mr. Faircloth asked when the payments may go out.

Ms. Lewis responded most providers have been submitting the forms since January 1, 2013 when CMS provided the template. The DHCFP is actively working on the first quarter.

Public Comment:

- Mr. Steve Eisen commented he believes the Evaluation and Management codes should be 99201 to 99499.

Ms. Lewis responded correct and the attached template has the proper code.

- Ms. Danesha Richardson asked as far as the supplemental payment will they have to submit paperwork to the DHCFP.

Ms. Lewis responded CMS has mandated any provider who would like to be considered eligible for the enhanced reimbursement must submit the provider attestation form.

Ms. Stagliano – Closed the Public Hearing on the State Plan for Medicaid Services and Solicitation of Public Comments for Primary Care Physician Rate Increase.

2. General Public Comments

- No Comments

There were no further comments and Ms. Stagliano adjourned the public hearing at 9:30 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.*