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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 State Plan for Medicaid Services**

**Public Hearing August 27, 2013**  
**Minutes**

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| Date and Time of Meeting   | August 27, 2013 at 9:16 am   |
| 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<br>401 So. Carson Street, Room 2135<br>Carson City, NV 89701                 |
| Place of Video Conference: | Grant Sawyer Office Building<br>1210 S. Valley View Blvd., Suite 104<br>Las Vegas, Nevada 89101                |

**Attendees**

**In Carson City, NV**

Marti Coté, DHCFP  
Chuck Damon, DHCFP  
Theresa Carsten, DHCFP  
Laurie Squartsoff, DHCFP  
Darrell Faircloth, DAG  
Lisa Dyer, DHCFP  
Shawna Barnes, DCFS  
Lynne Foster, DHCFP  
Sherry Crance, ADSD  
Mario Bustos, DaVita  
Brian Siler, DaVita  
Margie Read, R.N., Davita  
Judith Heath, DaVita  
Joanna Jacob, Ferrari Public Affairs  
Renee Necas, DHCFP  
Shannon Sprout, DHCFP

Lindsey Dermid-Gray, DHCFP  
Alexis Ulrich, DHCFP  
Leah Lamborn, DHCFP  
Marta Stagliano, DHCFP  
Dan Ahearn, M.D.  
Tiffany Lewis, DHCFP  
Reesha Powell, DCFS  
Scott Mayne, WC/CC  
Dan Adams, DaVita  
Evelyn Vergara, DaVita  
Laura Mulevycz, R.N., DaVita  
Phillip Schultz, DaVita  
Walter Davis, NVHC  
Michele Belkin, DHCFP  
Amanda Nelsen, Vestige Project  
Steve Boline, NRHP

Lynn Carver, NFPRP Mojave  
Priscilla Colegrove, DCFS  
Christie Bresee-White, Vestige Project

Les Gruner, NFPRP Mojave  
Coleen Lawrence, DHCFP  
Chris Bosse, Renown

**In Las Vegas, NV**

Barbara De Castro, NYCP/Majestic  
Radiance Ray  
Ken Lange, NYCP  
Melinda Wiafe, HOPE  
Katherine Moldovan, HOPE  
Marta Wilson, Mojave  
Brandon Ford, Serenity Mental Health

Suzanne Kyoury, Life Counseling  
Diana Kennedy  
Vicky Kinnikin, Mojave  
Faye Rely, HOPE  
Erica Bell, Beyond Borders  
Courtney Dandy Fralick, Mobile Mental Health  
Mary Hartsell, LFCS

**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 July 24, 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**

**Subject: Revised Rate Methodology for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)/Rural Health Clinics (RHC)**

Ms. Tiffany Lewis:

The DHCFP is proposing to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to add clarifying language and details to the reimbursement methodology for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)/Rural Health Clinics (RHC). The DHCFP is proposing these changes so that providers will have a better understanding of the requirements for requesting a rate review and how the entire process functions. The update to the State Plan will be effective July 1, 2013 if CMS approval is received. The proposed amendment will have no fiscal impact to the Medicaid Program or the providers as the rate methodology is not being changed. We are only adding clarifying language and details regarding the process. This amendment will affect all Medicaid Provider Type 17's (Special Clinics) with Specialties 180 (RHC) and 181 (FQHC).

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:

- No Comments

Mr. Faircloth's Comments:

- No Comments

Public Comments:

- Dr. Dan Ahearn read his comments into record. (See attached)

Ms. Lewis responded when the DHCFP did the review of the PPS rate for both FQHC facilities this year they looked at current costs because so many things had changed. This will be adjusted annually by the Medicare Economic Index (MEI). In regard to the comparison of the FQHCs and the Tribal Clinics and Indian Health Services (IHS) Centers, in the State of Nevada there are not any IHS FQHC like facilities. They are two entirely different types of facilities at this time and that is part of the reason there are multiple encounters for one and not the other.

- Mr. Walter Davis commented he would like to echo the comments that Dr. Ahearn read into record.

Ms. Stagliano – Closed the Public Hearing for the SPA on the Revised Rate Methodology for Federally Qualified Health Centers/Rural Health Clinics.

**2. Discussion of Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and Solicitation of Public Comments**

**Subject: Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) Kinship Guardianship Recipients**

Ms. Reesha Powell:

This Nevada Medicaid State Plan, Attachment 2.2-A 2.e. is being amended to require Medicaid coverage for children for whom a Title IV-E kinship guardianship assistance payment is made. Currently Medicaid coverage is required for children receiving Title IV-E foster care or adoption assistance. Children receiving Title IV-E kinship guardianship assistance payments must be made automatically eligible for Medicaid as IV-E children. This program has no fiscal impact to the State as all of the children who would be participating in the program would be categorically eligible for Medicaid and payments if they remained in foster care. The update to the State Plan will be effective July 1, 2013 if CMS approval is received.

Ms. Squartsoff's Comments:

- No Comments

Mr. Faircloth's Comments:

- No Comments

Public Comments:

- No Comments

Ms. Stagliano – Closed the Public Hearing for the SPA on the DCFS Kinship Guardianship Recipients.

**3. 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](mailto:rmackie@dhefp.nv.gov) or you may call (775) 684-3681.***