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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 October 10, 2013**  
**Minutes**

Date and Time of Meeting: October 10, 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: Nevada State Legislature Building  
401 So. Carson Street, Room 2135  
Carson City, NV 89701

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

**Attendees**

**In Carson City, NV**

Daryl Crawford, Inter-Tribal Counsel of NV	Shannon Sprout, DHCFP
Leslie Bittleston, DHCFP	Joan Hall, NRHP
Mary Griffith, DHCFP	Carl Jeffery, Catamaran
Lisa Dyer, DHCFP	Leah Lamborn, DHCFP
Laurie Squartsoff, DHCFP	Jon Kirwan, DPBH
Amber Torres, WRPT	Kim Richardson, WRPT
Joanna Jacob, Ferrari Public Affairs	Susan Rogers, Yerington Paiute Tribe
Patricia Sichertman, Yerington Paiute Tribe	Andrea Laurence, Washoe Tribe
Angie Wilson, Reno/Sparks Tribal Health	Marta Stagliano, DHCFP
Amy Crowe, DAG	

**In Las Vegas, NV**

Brian O'Callahan

## **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 Ms. Amy Crowe, Deputy Attorney General (DAG).

Ms. Stagliano – The notice for this public hearing was published on September 9, 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: Hospital-Based Nursing Facility Services**

Ms. Tiffany Lewis:

The DHCFP is proposing a change to the Medicaid State Plan, Attachment 4.19-D, page 2, Hospital-Based Nursing Facility Services. The description of the interim payment involved in the Hospital-Based Nursing Facility reimbursement methodology will be updated to reflect 100% of the billed charges. This language is being changed to simplify the process and conform with the other cost settlement practices for hospital services.

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

The effective date is July 1, 2013.

Ms. Squartsoff's Comments:

- No Comments

Ms. Crowe's Comments:

- No Comments

Public Comments:

- Joan Hall commented they are in support of the change.

Ms. Stagliano – Closed the Public Hearing for the SPA on Hospital-Based Nursing Facility Services.

Ms. Stagliano – Reopened the SPA on Hospital-Based Nursing Facility Services to clarify the effective date as October 1, 2013.

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

**Subject: Freestanding Obstetrical/Birth Center Rate Methodology (PT 17, Specialty 169)**

Ms. Tiffany Lewis:

The DHCFP is proposing an addition to the State Plan, Attachment 3.1-A, page 11, creating a coverage policy for “Freestanding Birth Center Services” to indicate coverage with limitations for Freestanding Birth Centers and for professionals providing services in a Freestanding Birth Center as required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Additional revisions are being proposed to Attachment 4.19-B, page 2b, “Special Clinic Services” to add a rate methodology for a new provider type, Freestanding Obstetrical/Birth Centers, Freestanding Obstetrical/Birth Centers will be reimbursed at 80% of the Inpatient Hospital Maternity per diem rate.

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

The effective date is July 1, 2013.

Ms. Squartsoff’s Comments:

- No Comments

Ms. Crowe’s Comments:

- No Comments

Public Comments:

- No Comments

Ms. Stagliano – Closed the Public Hearing for the SPA on Freestanding Obstetrical/Birth Center Rate Methodology (PT 17, Specialty 169).

Ms. Stagliano – Reopened the SPA on Freestanding Obstetrical/Birth Center Rate Methodology (PT 17, Specialty 169) to clarify the effective date is October 1, 2013.

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

**Subject: Tobacco Cessation Counseling for Pregnant Women**

Ms. Coleen Lawrence:

Attachment 3.1-A, page 2, 4d is being added to show coverage for tobacco cessation services for pregnant women. Section 4107 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) has provided for Medicaid coverage of comprehensive tobacco cessation services for pregnant women, including both counseling and pharmacotherapy, without cost sharing. This new guidance was released in State Medicaid Letter #11-007.

This is not a policy change, since Nevada Medicaid already covers tobacco cessation counseling and pharmacotherapy for pregnant women as recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Since Nevada Medicaid currently covers this service, there is no expected increase or decrease in annual aggregate expenditures.

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

The effective date is July 1, 2013.

Ms. Squartsoff's Comments:

- Requested clarification what the services are that can be provided and how many sessions a recipient may receive.

Ms. Lawrence responded the services have been approved by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, so it is an ongoing list. The limitations are any benefit package that consists of less than four counseling session per quit attempt, with a minimum of two quit attempts per 12 month period should be explained.

Ms. Squartsoff requested clarification on 4.d.2. The box is marked no limitations.

Ms. Lawrence responded the policy is provided with no limitations. As agendized the DHCFP is providing services in accordance with the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and that is with no limitation. There is a clarification that the policy will be effective October 1, 2013.

Ms. Crowe's Comments:

- No Comments

Public Comments:

- No Comments

Ms. Stagliano – clarified that the SPA will be effective October 1, 2013 as the SPA will be submitted in October.

Ms. Stagliano – Closed the Public Hearing for the SPA on Tobacco Cessation Counseling for Pregnant Women.

**4. General Public Comments**

- No Comments

There were no further comments and Ms. Stagliano adjourned the public hearing at 9:23 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@dncfp.nv.gov](mailto:rmackie@dncfp.nv.gov) or you may call (775) 684-3681.*