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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 December 12, 2013
Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: December 12, 2013 at 9:03 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, 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 McWelch, NHA	Steve Boline, NRHP
Patty Thompson, DHCFP	Jon Sasser, WLS
Dwight Hansen, NHA	Diane Ross
Carrissa Tashira, 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 of Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and Solicitation of Public Comments

Subject: Addition of Maintenance Therapy Services

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

Ms. Shannon Sprout:

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) is proposing a change to enhance the current Nevada Medicaid State Plan to cover Maintenance Therapy Services for current Nevada Medicaid Recipients. A previous public hearing was held which approved coverage of the Alternative Benefit Plan which included Maintenance Therapy Services for the Newly Eligibles effective January 1, 2014. This change will align the two sections of the State Plan so that all Medicaid recipients will have coverage of Maintenance Therapy Services.

The effective date is January 1, 2014.

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

Ms. Aiello's Comments:

- No Comments

Mr. Faircloth's Comments:

- No Comments

Public Comments:

- Mr. Jon Sasser added his support of a new Service Maintenance Therapy to align it with the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP). He asked for a list of limits which were in the ABP.
- Ms. Aiello responded the State Plan Amendments (SPA's) are more general. The specific limits are in the Medicaid Service Manual (MSM) and are in the companion chapter to this SPA.
- Mr. Sasser confirmed the new reduced fiscal impact represents the estimated cost based on similar limits to the one in the ABP.
- Ms. Tiffany Lewis responded correct.

Ms. Thompson – Closed the Public Hearing for the SPA on addition of Maintenance Therapy Services.

2. General Public Comments

- No Comments

There were no further comments and Ms. Thompson adjourned the public hearing at 9:18 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.*