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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 December 12, 2013**  
**Minutes**

Date and Time of Meeting: December 12, 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, 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

**In Las Vegas, NV**

Janet Belcove-Shalin, NDALC

## **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: Supplemental Payment Program for Inpatient Hospitals**

Ms. Thompson reported a change in the fiscal impact on the agenda on page 2, added State Fiscal Year (SFY) in front of 2015.

#### Ms. Janice Prentice:

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) is proposing an amendment to the Nevada Medicaid State Plan that would allow the creation of a new supplemental payment program based on inpatient hospital utilization rates in order to preserve access to inpatient acute services. Hospital inpatient services provided by acute care hospitals (PT11) will be affected. There is no anticipated impact to the State General Funds as a result of the implementation of this program. This covers all public and private entities under this provider type. The DHCFP has made a projection in aggregate of the financial impact on the participating entities (not all inclusive) to be as follows: An increase of \$31,790,956.48 for SFY 2014, an increase of \$33,504,347.88 for SFY 2015. For clarification item three, Reconciliation and Adjustment, was added to page 32d.

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

#### Ms. Aiello's Comments:

- Ms. Aiello confirmed that the addition of item number three was added from when it was published.
- Ms. Prentice confirmed.

#### Mr. Faircloth's Comments:

- No Comments

#### Public Comments:

- Mr. Bill Welch is in support of the SPA.

Ms. Thompson – Closed the Public Hearing for the SPA on Supplemental Payment Program for Inpatient Hospitals.

## 2. General Public Comments

- No Comments

There were no further comments and Ms. Thompson adjourned the public hearing at 9:02 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.*