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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 27, 2014
Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: March 27, 2014 at 9:00AM

Name of Organization: State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)

Place of Meeting: State of Nevada Legislative Building
401 So. Carson Street Room 2134
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Place of Video Conference: Grant Sawyer Office Building
555 E. Washington Avenue Suite 4406
Las Vegas, Nevada 89416

Attendees

In Carson City, NV

Marti Coté, DHCFP
Chris Bosse, Renown
Dena Schmidt, DHCFP
Amy Crowe, DAG

Jenni Bonk, DHCFP
Dwight Hansen, NHA
Marta Stagliano, DHCFP

In Las Vegas, NV

Debbie Ferber, DWSS
Laurie Squartsoff, DHCFP
Jim Heffernan, BHO/HPN

Melissa Eckstein, UHS Inc.
Amanda Haboush-Deloy, CCCMHC

Introduction:

Ms. Marta Stagliano, Chief of Program Integrity, 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 March 12, 2014 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: Presumptive Eligibility Determinations by Hospitals

Dena Schmidt

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy is proposing an addition to the Nevada Medicaid State Plan to incorporate requirements under 42 CFR 435.1110 which allows for one or more qualified hospitals to determine presumptive eligibility to children, pregnant women, parents, caretaker relatives and adults without children.

A qualified hospital is a hospital that participates as a provider under the Medicaid State Plan. Qualified hospitals electing to participate may temporarily enroll Medicaid eligible individuals into coverage based on preliminary information. Participating qualified hospitals must comply with performance standards established by the state agency.

Qualified hospitals electing to participate will incur financial costs associated to system access, notification requirements, reporting requirements and mandatory personnel training.

All public and private entities under Provider Type 11, Inpatient Hospitals, may be affected by this change.

The effective date is January 1, 2014 if this SPA revision is approved by CMS.

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

Ms. Squartsoff's Comments:

- Please clarify the eligibility groups or populations for which hospitals determine presumptive eligibility. Some boxes are checked but did not get mentioned. Specifically: Individuals above 133% FPL under Age 65, Individuals Eligible for Family Planning Services, and Certain Individuals Needing Treatment for Breast or Cervical Cancer.

Ms. Schmidt's Comments:

- Individuals above 133% FPL are mandatory if they are covered by the state. Our state does not currently cover that group. Individuals Eligible for Family Planning Services are also not currently covered by our state. Therefore, we will not be doing a presumptive eligibility for those groups because they are not currently covered. Individuals Needing Treatment for Breast or Cervical Cancer is also an "if covered" and we have a current program for determining presumptive eligibility for that group. Each group (Individuals above 133% FPL under Age 65,

Individuals Eligible for Family Planning Services, and Certain Individuals Needing Treatment for Breast or Cervical Cancer) is mandatory on the form; the box cannot be unchecked.

Ms. Crowe's Comments:

- No Comments.

Public Comments:

- Ms. Stagliano read an email from Mr. Steve Boline into public comment noting that the proposed SPA is for Provider Type (PT) 11 hospitals only. This currently excludes Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) which are a Provider Type 75. Mr. Boline asks for clarification that these be added.

Ms. Stagliano responded that this was an oversight and at this point, this is only a template to get into CMS to show the DHCFP is working toward compliance for this regulation and there will be additional workshops which will include this additional provider type at that time.

Ms. Stagliano continued reading the email from Mr. Steve Boline into public comment noting that there is a reference to the provider incurring certain costs and it looks like what our hospitals are already doing if they are currently assisting patients with the completion of the application. Clarity is needed, specifically regarding mandatory training and reporting requirements.

Ms. Schmidt responded that this reference was added to give hospitals as much advanced notice as possible. The hospitals will have a notice requirement in which they will have to notify the applicant of their eligibility decision in writing. In addition, we plan to have eligibility training which will be held at professional development centers. There are no details at this time on the time frame involved; this will be discussed at future workshops.

- Ms. Amanda Haboush-Deloy of the Clark County Children's Mental Health Consortium (CCCMHC) would like to express favor of the CCCHMC in moving forward with presumptive eligibility; we look forward to seeing how this could assist children with severe emotional disorders to see that they get treatment in a timely manner.

Ms. Stagliano – Closed the Public Hearing for the SPA on Presumptive Eligibility Determinations by Hospitals.

2. General Public Comments

- No Comments.

There were no further comments and Ms. Stagliano adjourned the public hearing at 9:13 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 or you may call (775) 684-3681.*