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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 30, 2014**

**Minutes**

Date and Time of Meeting: December 30, 2014 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: The State of Nevada Health Division  
4150 Technology Way Room 303  
Carson City, Nevada 89706

Place of Video Conference: The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)  
1210 S Valley View Blvd. Suite 104  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

**Attendees**

**In Carson City, NV**

Jan Prentice, DHCFP  
Tiffany Lewis, DHCFP  
Tammy Moffitt, DHCFP  
Laurie Squartsoff, DHCFP  
Amy Crowe, DAG

Loren Ellery, IHS  
Shannon Sprout, DHCFP

**In Las Vegas, NV**

Dan Musgrove, Amerigroup  
Marcus White, Amerigroup

## **Introduction:**

Ms. Tammy Moffitt, 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. Tammy Moffitt – The notice for this public hearing was published on November 26, 2014 in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulation 42CFR 447.205 and Nevada Revised Statute 422.2369.

### **1. General Public Comments**

- No Comments

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

**Subject: Revision of State Plan, Attachment 4.19-B, Pages 1c, 1c-2 and 1c-3**

Ms. Tiffany Lewis:

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) is proposing a change to the section entitled “Payment for services billed by Physicians using Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes.” This section will be revised to reflect an extension for the primary care physicians’ rate increase paid as a supplemental payment for Evaluation and Management codes 99201 through 99499 and Vaccination Administration codes 90460, 90461, 90471, 90472, 90473 and 90474 to certain providers that meet the specified qualifications. The extension will run through June 30, 2015, and was previously approved in the 2013 legislative session.

The effective date is January 1, 2015.

The following provider types (PT) will be affected by this change: PT 020 (Primary Care Physicians), PT 024 (Certified RN Practitioner) and PT 077 (Physician’s Assistant).

This covers all public and private entities under this provider type. The DHCFP projects a change in annual aggregate expenditures as follows:

There will be an increase of \$30,605,144 for State Fiscal Year 2015.

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

Ms. Squartsoff’s Comments:

- No Comments

Ms. Crowe's Comments:

- No Comments

Public Comments:

- No Comments

Ms. Moffitt – Closed the Public Hearing for the SPA on Revision of State Plan, Attachment 4.19-B, Pages 1c, 1c-2 and 1c-3

**3. General Public Comments**

- No Comments

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

**Subject: Revision of State Plan, Attachment 4.19-B, Page 7a**

Ms. Tiffany Lewis

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) is proposing an amendment to increase the number of face-to-face encounter/visits per recipient per day allowed for services from three to five. In addition, the encounter/visits will be expanded to include all healthcare professionals as approved under the Nevada Medicaid State Plan.

Effective date of change is January 1, 2015.

The following provider type (PT) will be affected by this change: PT 047 – Indian Health Services.

This covers all public and private entities under this provider type. The DHCFP projects a change in annual aggregate expenditures as follows:

| <u>FFY Federal Impact</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| FFY 2015                  | \$24,963,605  |
| FFY 2016                  | \$27,995,898  |

| <u>SFY SGF Impact</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| SFY 2015              | \$154,902     |
| SFY 2016              | \$115,015     |

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

Ms. Squartsoff's Comments:

- Tiffany, I would like to thank you and your staff for working with the providers and making this adjustment in the state plan. Thank you.

Ms. Crowe's Comments:

- No Comments

Public Comments:

- Loren Ellery, Director of Nevada Operations for the Phoenix area Indian Health Service. I just want to thank all the people that helped make this a reality. I really think this is going to help the Indian Health Service Clinics, the Tribal Clinics and the Urban Indian Health Clinics create better access to care for Indian people of Nevada. Thank you very much.

5. **General Public Comments**

- No Comments

Ms. Moffitt – Closed the Public Hearing for the SPA on Revision of State Plan, Attachment 4.19-B, Page 7a.

Public Comment:

- No Comments

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

**Subject: Revision of State Plan, Attachment 4.19-B, Page 3**

Ms. Tiffany Lewis:

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) is proposing a change to the State Plan that is necessary to amend language to increase the professional dispensing fee from \$4.76 to \$9.47, and to change the pricing algorithm to include actual acquisition cost (AAC). Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) + 2% is being proposed as part of the pricing algorithm for those drugs not available on the National Average Drug Acquisition Cost (NADAC).

Pharmaceuticals given by Long Term Care pharmacists and Home Infusion Therapy providers will receive the proposed dispensing fee in accordance with retail pharmacists.

These changes are a result of the proposed rule dated February 2, 2012, 42 CFR Part 447, Medicaid Program; Covered Outpatient Drugs; Proposed Rule.

Effective date of change is the first day of the quarter after CMS' approval of the State Plan Amendment but not sooner than January 1, 2015.

The following provider types (PT) will be affected by this change: PT 28 and 37, the Department of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), Counties and the University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM)

This covers all public and private entities under this provider type. The DHCFP projects a change in annual aggregate expenditures as follows:

An annual decrease of expenditures to the Division of approximately \$500,000.00.

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Ingredient     | (\$11.46M)       |
| Dispensing     | <u>\$ 10.96M</u> |
| Overall Impact | (\$ .50M)        |

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

Ms. Squartsoff's Comments:

- I received a letter from the Retail Association of Nevada that was addressed to both myself and to Director Gilliland that I would like to ask to be included in the record.

Ms. Crowe's Comments:

- No Comments

Public Comments:

- No Comments

Ms. Moffitt – Closed the Public Hearing for the SPA on Revision of State Plan, Attachment 4.19-B, Page 3.

**7. General Public Comments**

- No Comments

There were no further comments and Ms. Moffitt adjourned the public hearing at 9:14 AM.

*\*An Audio (CD) version of this meeting is available through the DHCFP Administration office. 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.*