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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 Medicaid Services Manual (MSM)**

Public Hearing March 10, 2016

Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: March 10, 2016 at 9:35AM or at the conclusion of the State Plan Public Hearing

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 S. Carson Street, Room 3138
Carson City, Nevada 89701

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

Teleconference: (877) 402-9753

Access Code: 7316372

Attendees

In Carson City, NV

Darrell Faircloth, SDAG	Lynne Foster, DHCFP
Elizabeth Aiello, DHCFP	Sheri Eggleston, DHCFP
Ali Shahin, Nevada Health Centers	Jared Davies, DHCFP
Jenni Bonk, DHCFP	Rochelle van der Poel, DHCFP
Adrienne Navarro, DHCFP	Lisa Dyer, DHCFP
Kevin Quint, DPBH	Becky Ritter, DHCFP
Lisa Dettling, Nevada Health Centers	Chris Ferrari, Ferrari Public Affairs
Elizabeth Duffrin, Nevada Health Centers	Nancy Hook, NVPCA
Laura Garza, DCFS	Charles Duarte, Community Health Alliance

In Las Vegas, NV

Alexis Tucey, DHCFP	Tyree Davis, Nevada Health Centers
Tamina McMillan, Nevada Health Centers	Kristina Jones, HPN
Darren Rahamon, Nevada Health Centers	Kim Riggs, DHCFP
Walter Davis, Nevada Health Centers	

Teleconference

Barry Lovgren	Tamera Pierce, Family Resources
Maria Shanika, Amerigroup	

Introduction:

Ms. Lynne Foster, Chief of Division Compliance, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP), opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Ms. Betsy Aiello, Deputy Administrator of the DHCFP and Mr. Darrell Faircloth, Senior Deputy Attorney General (SDAG).

Ms. Foster – The notice for this public hearing was published on February 5, 2016 in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statute 422.2369.

1. Public Comment

- No Comment

2. For Possible Action: Review and approve meeting minutes from the February 11, 2016 public hearing.

Ms. Foster asked if any staff members have any proposed corrections to the minutes for this public hearing and none were received.

Public Comments

- No Comments

Ms. Foster – Recommended the Deputy Administrator approve as written.

Ms. Aiello – Approved as written.

3. Discussion of proposed changes to Medicaid Service Manual Chapter 400 - Mental Health and Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services

Ms. Alexis Tucey

Revisions to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 400, Mental Health and Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services are being proposed to revise the provider qualifications for the Substance Abuse Agency Model (SAAM) providers. The proposed changes will remove the requirement for SAAM providers to be funded through the Division of Public and Behavioral Health. Additional revisions allow SAAM providers to provide up to two (2) assessments per calendar year without a prior authorization.

The effective date is March 11, 2016.

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

Ms. Aiello's Comments:

- No Comments

Mr. Faircloth's Comments:

- No Comments

Public Comments:

- Mr. Lovgren, a retired substance abuse treatment professional, commented on how pleased he is that pregnant women will be able to receive substance abuse treatment in many additional facilities throughout the state, reducing the amount of substance-related birth injuries.

Ms. Foster – Recommended the Administrator approve as submitted.

Ms. Aiello's – Approved as submitted.

4. Discussion of proposed changes to Medicaid Service Manual Chapter 600 - Physician Services

Ms. Jenni Bonk

Revisions to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 600 are being proposed to update policy related to Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) services in the Physician Office Services section. Services for TMJ issues are non-covered. Language is being added to clarify that palliative and emergency treatments for TMJ conditions are covered services.

The effective date is March 11, 2016

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

Ms. Aiello's Comments:

- No Comments

Mr. Faircloth's Comments:

- No Comments

Public Comments:

- No Comments

Ms. Foster – Recommended the Administrator approve as submitted.

Ms. Aiello's – Approved as submitted.

Ms. Foster – Closed the Public Hearing for the MSM Chapter 600 - Physician Services

5. Discussion of proposed changes to Medicaid Service Manual Chapter 1900 - Transportation

Ms. Adrienne Navarro:

Revisions to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 1900 - Transportation are being proposed to clarify and define policies as stipulated by contract between the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) and the transportation broker that provides mandatory, non-emergency transportation (NET) for Medicaid recipients to obtain medical services.

Accessibility to medical services was fundamental to the chapter modifications which included identifying other possible drop off locations in lieu of an emergency room and the provision for recipient transportation to pharmacies. To further enhance accessibility to Medicaid services, policy was added to include per diem reimbursement for recipients and escorts that arrived at a medical facility by emergency transportation. Emergency transportation was clarified as emergency, scheduled emergency and specialty care transportation and the type of authorization required to utilize each service - alleviating confusion for both the broker and providers. Further clarification and revision was required to identify the per diem rates allowed for recipients and their escorts during travel periods, to include the reimbursement of lodging if the recipient had extenuating circumstances that would not allow them to cancel their lodging in a timely manner. Additionally, the chapter was revised to reimburse both parents for travel expenses, if their child is less than 12 months of age and in a medical facility.

The effective date is March 11, 2016

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

Ms. Aiello's Comments:

- No Comments

Mr. Faircloth's Comments:

- No Comments

Public Comments:

- No Comments

Ms. Foster – Recommended the Administrator approve with changes as follows:

- Section 1903, Page 2, 2903.1B “Rates Unit” change to Reimbursement, Analysis & Payment Unit
- Section 1903, Page 5, subsection 3.a, remove “and mileage” from the third line. Add sentence after the 2nd sentence stating, “Mileage will be reimbursed at the current Internal Revenue Services’ (IRS) rate for medical miles driven.”
- Section 1904, page 6, Subsection 2(A)(1)(a), remove “d” in the word provided.
- Section 1904.2, page 7, subsection 3, add “minor” before each reference to “child” or “children.”
- Section 1904, page 17, Subsection S(2), retain language which was stricken, which reads “except for exclusion due to Third Party Liability (TPL) coverage under the Medicaid program;”
- Section 1904, page 20, Subsection F, add parentheses 1904.2(A)(2)(d)
- Section 1904.4, Page 25, remove parenthesis from “NET” and move to the beginning of the section title

Ms. Aiello's – Approved with changes.

Ms. Foster – Closed the Public Hearing for the MSM Chapter 1900 - Transportation

6. General Public Comments

- No Comments

7. Adjournment

There were no further comments and Ms. Foster adjourned the public hearing at 10:55AM

For more detailed information on any of the handouts, submittals, testimony and or comments please contact Jenifer Hendrix at Jenifer.Hendrix@dncfp.nv.gov or (775) 684-3685 with any questions.