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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 February 11, 2016

Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: February 11, 2016 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: Division of Public and Behavioral Health
4150 Technology Way, Room 303
Carson City, Nevada 89706

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

Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 103
Elko, Nevada 89801

Attendees

In Carson City, NV

Debra Ridenour, New Frontier	Shelley Schafer, SurgCare Network
Theresa Bawden, DHCFP	Becky Ritter, DHCFP
Jessica Crouch, DWSS	Chris Ferrari, Ferrari Public Affairs
Kathy Stoner, DHCFP	Sheri Eggleston, DHCFP
Lynne Foster, DHCFP	Tammy Moffitt, DHCFP
Darrell Faircloth, SDAG	

Introduction:

Ms. Lynne Foster, Chief of Division Compliance, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP), opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Ms. Tammy Moffitt,

Chief Program Integrity of the DHCFP and Mr. Darrell Faircloth, Senior Deputy Attorney General (SDAG).

Ms. Foster – The notice for this public hearing was published on January 8, 2016 in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations 42 CFR 447.205 and the Nevada Revised Statute 422.2369.

1. Public Comment

- No Comment

2. For Possible Action: Review and approve meeting minutes from the January 27, 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 Chief of Program Integrity approve as written.

Ms. Moffitt – Approved as written.

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

Ms. Theresa Bawden:

Subject: PT 46 Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Cornea Procurement Rate

State Plan Attachment 4.19-B page 5 is being updated to reflect a methodology for Cornea Procurement.

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

An estimated increase in reimbursement for SFY 2016 is \$69,005; and
An estimated increase in reimbursement for SFY 2017 is \$69,371

The effective date of change is February 12, 2016.

At the conclusion of Ms. Bawden's presentation, Ms. Foster asked Ms. Moffitt, Chief of Program Integrity, and Mr. Faircloth, SDAG, if they had any questions or comments.

Ms. Moffitt's Comments:

- No Comments

Mr. Faircloth's Comments:

- No Comments

Public Comments:

- No Comments

Ms. Foster – Closed the Public Hearing for the State Plan Section 4.19-B – Methodology Cornea Procurement.

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

Ms. Jessica Crouch:

Subject: Amendments to the Nevada Check Up State Plan

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Nevada Check Up (NCU) State Plan (SPA). Legislative approval was granted approving expanding Nevada Check Up eligibility to allow State employees who meet existing income eligibility requirements to enroll their children in NCU, effective January 1, 2016.

Estimated change in annual aggregate expenditures:

An estimated increase for SFY 2016 of \$1,246,591; and
An estimated increase for SFY 2017 of \$4,257,373

The effective date of change was January 1, 2016.

At the conclusion of Ms. Crouch's presentation, Ms. Foster asked Ms. Moffitt, Chief of Program Integrity, and Mr. Faircloth, SDAG, if they had any questions or comments.

Ms. Moffitt's Comments:

- No Comments

Mr. Faircloth's Comments:

- No Comments

Public Comments:

- No Comments

Ms. Foster – Closed the Public Hearing for the Amendments to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

5. General Public Comments

Ms. Schafer of SurgCare network introduced herself and introduced her business, which strives to reduce hospital readmission rates. She reported that their case studies in California yield a zero readmission rate for some providers. She requested contact information within Nevada Medicaid to introduce their services.

Ms. Foster requested Ms. Schafer provide contact information so that staff could follow up with her.

Ms. Moffitt requested clarification on the services provided by SurgiCare.

Ms. Schafer said she is a consultant who was hired by several companies in California to reduce charge-backs. Her study, within a test market involving 50 providers, yielded zero readmissions and saved significant money. She expressed interest in getting into the Medicaid market.

There were no further comments and Ms. Foster adjourned the public hearing at 9:13 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 Ellen Felsing at Ellen.Felsing@dncfp.nv.gov or (775) 684-3684 with any questions.***