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

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,

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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:

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- 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

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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

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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@dhcfp.nv.gov or (775) 684-3684 with any questions.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE PLAN FOR MEDICAID SERVICES

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1. **Public Comment**

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   Subject:

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5. General Public Comments (Because of time considerations, the period for public comment by each speaker or organization may be limited to 5 minutes, and speakers are urged to avoid repetition of comments made by previous speakers.)

6. Adjournment

Nevada Medicaid is unaware of any financial impact to other entities or local government due to this public hearing, other than as stated above.

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> Items may be taken out of order at the discretion of the chairperson. Items may be combined for consideration by the public body. Items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time. If an action item is not completed within the time frame that has been allotted, that action item will be continued at a future time designated and announced at this meeting by the chairperson. All public comment may be limited to 5 minutes.

This notice and agenda have been posted at http://dhcfp.nv.gov/ and notice.nv.gov/.

Notice of this meeting and draft copies of the changes will be available on or after the date of this notice at the DHCFP Web site http://dhcfp.nv.gov/ Carson City Central office and Las Vegas DHCFP. The agenda posting of this meeting can be viewed at the following locations: Nevada State Library; Carson City Library; Churchill County Library; Las Vegas Library; Douglas County Library; Elko County Library; Lincoln County Library; Lyon County Library; Mineral County Library; Tonopah Public Library; Pershing County Library; Goldfield Public Library; Eureka Branch Library; Lander County Library; Storey County Library; Washoe County Library; and White Pine County Library and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

If requested in writing, a draft copy of the changes will be mailed to you. Requests and/or written comments on the proposed changes may be sent to Lezlie Mayville at the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, 1100 E. William Street, Suite 101, Carson City, NV 89701.

All persons that have requested in writing to receive the Public Hearings agenda have been duly notified by mail or e-mail.

We are pleased to make accommodations for members of the public who have disabilities and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements are necessary, notify the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy as soon as possible and at least ten days in advance of the meeting, by e-mail at: Lezlie.Mayville@dhcfp.nv.gov, in writing, at 1100 East William Street, Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701 or call Lezlie Mayville at (775) 684-3681.

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b. The Division also adopts as a base, the payment amounts for groupings 1-9 as published in 42 CFR part 416 dated March 28, 2003. To ensure access of services, these payment amounts will be increased by 50% for hospital-based ambulatory surgical center services and 20% for freestanding ambulatory surgical center services. Services covered by Nevada Medicaid will be processed at these payment amounts.

c. Codes not on the Medicare list that are deemed appropriate to be performed in an ASC setting will be paid at the appropriate grouping level based on the services performed.

d. In the case of multiple procedures the following adjustments to the fee schedule are made:
   1) First procedure 100% of fee schedule
   2) Second procedure 50% of fee schedule
   3) Third procedure 25% of fee schedule
   4) Fourth procedure 10% of fee schedule
   5) Fifth and thereafter procedures 5% of fee schedule

e. Professional services are reimbursed as indicated in page 1c of section 4.19-B.

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Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of hospital-based and freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASC). The agency's fee schedule rates were set as of July 1, 2013 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published at: https://dhcfp.nv.gov/index.htm.

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CHIP Eligibility

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148
Expiration date: 10/31/2014

Separate Child Health Insurance Program
Eligibility - Children Who Have Access to Public Employee Coverage **CS10**

Sec. 2110(b)(2)(B) and (b)(6) of the SSA

☒ **Children Who Have Access to Public Employee Coverage** - Otherwise eligible targeted low-income children who have access to public employee coverage on the basis of a family member's employment.

☑ The CHIP Agency operates this covered group in accordance with the following provisions:

Select one of the following conditions as described in Section 2110(b)(6) of the Social Security Act:

◉ Maintenance of agency contribution as provided in 2110(b)(6)(B) of the SSA.

○ Hardship criteria as provided in section 2110(b)(6)(C) of the Social Security Act.

Coverage under this option is extended to children whose household income is:

Select one of the options for the income standard when compared to Targeted Low Income Children

◉ The same as the standards for Targeted Low-Income Children

○ Lower than the income standards for Targeted Low-Income Children

Indicate whether coverage under this option is extended to all children who have access to public employee coverage, or only certain children:

○ All children who have access to public employee coverage

◉ Certain children who have access to public employee coverage:

☒ Employees of certain public agencies.

	Type of agency	
+	State agency employees only.	X

☐ Certain types of public employees.

☒ Attach methodology the state has used to calculate maintenance of agency contribution.

An attachment is submitted.

☐ The state provides assurance that the state will, on an annual basis, recalculate expenditures for each participating public agency to determine if the maintenance effort condition continues to be met.

☑ Children who are eligible for public employee health benefits coverage who are not described above are excluded from eligibility under the plan.

☑ Children considered to have access to public employee coverage, and therefore not excluded from CHIP through this option, otherwise meet the definition of targeted low-income child provided at 42 CFR 457.310.

PRA Disclosure Statement

CHIP Eligibility

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0938-1148. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 50 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Attn: PRA Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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