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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 April 14, 2016

Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: April 14, 2016 at 9:04AM
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
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Attendees

In Carson City, NV

Darrell Faircloth, SDAG
Elizabeth Aiello, DHCFP
Carl Jeffery, Optum Rx
Scott Mayne, Washoe County
Jodie Tonkin, DHCFP
Brian Evans, The Perkins Company
Jessica Vannucci, DHCFP
Alexis Tucey, DHCFP
Joanna Jacob, Ferrari Public Affairs
Tammy Ritter, DHCFP

Lynne Foster, DHCFP
Devin Brooks, Health Care Caucus
Brandi Johnson, Washoe County
Tiffany Lewis, DHCFP
Shannon Sprout, DHCFP
Marti Cote, DHCFP
Mary Griffith, DHCFP
Laura Palotas, DHCFP
Marta Jensen, DHCFP

In Las Vegas, NV

Janelyn Jonett, Trailways Inc	Altamit Lewis, Amerigroup
Christian Lazarte, Serenity Mental Health	Heidi Buckley, Mojave Mental Health
Kristina Jones, Health Plan of Nevada	Steven Brotman, Jeneven
Whitney Swain, Amerigroup	Max Miller-Hooks, ART Homes
Rhonda Thompson, Masterminds	

Teleconference

Karen Gardner, Amerigroup	Lisa Delgard, Amerigroup
Michele Garrett, Health Plan of Nevada	Eric Hench, Amerigroup
Paula Berkley, Public	

Introduction:

Ms. Lynne Foster, Chief of Division Compliance, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP), opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Ms. Elizabeth 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 March 11, 2016 in accordance with 42 CFR 447.205.

1. Public Comment

- No Comment

2. For Possible Action: Review and approve meeting minutes from the March 10, 2016 public hearing.

Ms. Foster brought to the attention that the agenda incorrectly stated the minutes were from March 11 but the correct date of the hearing was March 10.

Ms. Foster asked if any staff members, the audience or the public on the teleconference 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 Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and Solicitation of Public Comments

Subject: PT 63 Residential Treatment Center, New Facilities Rate

Ms. Tiffany Lewis:

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy proposes to submit a State Plan Amendment regarding PT63 Residential Treatment Center, New Facilities.

State Plan Attachment 4.19-A, page 14 is being updated to reflect a methodology for New Facilities under Residential Treatment Centers.

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 \$122,185; and

An estimated increase in reimbursement for SFY 2017 is \$122,833

The effective date is March 11, 2016

At the conclusion of Ms. Lewis' 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

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

Subject: Direct Enrollment into Managed Care

Ms. Betsy Aiello:

Ms. Aiello gave some background on this SPA. She said that they held a workshop in September where direct enrollment was discussed. The DHCFP has found that during the initial eligibility period in which a person is enrolled in Fee for Service (FFS) many people are scheduled for medical care and then when they roll into managed care there are problems getting this care. This has caused continuity of care issues. That is how the requested change to Direct Enroll to Managed Care came into place.

CMS provided a new template the state has to use to transfer the current State Plan into, which makes it appear as if there are significant changes. In effect, these are formatting changes and the only material changes are to direct enrollment and to change the eligibility

group that includes foster care children from excluded from MCO to voluntary enrollment into MCO.

Ms. Tammy Ritter

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) proposes to submit a State Plan Amendment to implement direct enrollment into managed care, as well as make children under 19 in foster care or other in-home placement a voluntary population in managed care versus an excluded population.

State Plan Section 3.1, Attachment F is being submitted in its entirety due to a new template that CMS has requested the State transition to.

Financial Impact: There is no financial impact expected.

The effective date is July 1, 2016, however, system update requirements Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) may delay implementation.

Ms. Ritter also stated that the changes to be made are that currently foster children are excluded with no option to go into managed care. This will allow the guardian to make the decision for foster children to voluntarily opt into managed care. Children in foster care will be FFS or moved into FFS when they enter custody. Ms. Ritter said that federal regulation prohibits this group from mandatory enrollment.

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

Ms. Aiello's Comments:

- Ms. Aiello asked if the last section was just to clarify what is in the SPA and not actual language read into the document.
- Ms. Ritter said that is correct.
- Ms. Aiello confirmed that there are only two changes. That being direct enrollment into managed care and allowing the foster children's guardians to choose enrollment in managed care verses being excluded.

Mr. Faircloth's Comments:

- Mr. Faircloth noted a change on the second page of 3.F that looks like it will be deleted but wondered if it is the intent to have the first full paragraph included in the SPA.
- Ms. Aiello clarified that this is the new format. The first two paragraphs are being deleted because CMS added in the grids on pages 4, 5, 6 and 7. The content of the written language is the first two paragraphs are now presented in grid format.

Public Comments:

- Mr. Brooks asked if the proposed changes will be available for all children under 19.
- Ms. Ritter pointed out that this SPA is only for the kids that are currently in foster care.
- Ms. Aiello clarified that children under the age of 19 are in managed care and may opt out of managed care if they are Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED). The only change we are making is for the foster care group to be able to opt in.
- Ms. Berkley asked about being able to get back in after two months if you had been off. Ms. Berkley wanted to know if it would be the same process if you got arrested but not adjudicated.
- Ms. Aiello explained that this is not addressing eligibility. This is for children who are already Medicaid eligible.

Ms. Foster: Closed the Public Hearing for the SPAs.

5. General Public Comments

- No comments

There were no further comments and Ms. Foster adjourned the public hearing at 9:28AM

**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 Lezlie Mayville at Lezlie.Mayville@dncfp.nv.gov or (775) 684-3681 with any questions.*