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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 January 27, 2016

Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: January 27, 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

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1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 103
Elko, Nevada 89801

Attendees

In Carson City, NV

Shannon Sprout, DHCFP	Mary Gordon, DHCFP
Scott Mayne, Washoe Co./Clark Co.	Andrew Rico, DHCFP
Kristine DeMorris, DHCFP	Tracey Palmer, DHCFP
Alexis Tucey, DHCFP	Joanna Jacob, Ferrari Public Affairs
Darrell Faircloth, SDAG	Elizabeth Aiello, DHCFP
Lynne Foster, DHCFP	

In Las Vegas, NV

Michelle Guerra, HPN/BHO Medicaid	Shaneka Wiley, Amerigroup
Kristina Jones, HPN	Ani Abi Karan, HBI
Elizabeth Wilson, HPN/BHO Medicaid	

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 December 23, 2015 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 December 29, 2015 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 Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and Solicitation of Public Comments

Ms. Mary Gordon:

Subject: Special Care Rates

State Plan Section Attachment 4.19-D, page 9 is being updated to reflect the new language used in the Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 500, regarding the Behaviorally Complex Program which authorizes an add-on-rate for those individuals exhibiting extreme, unpredictable aggression; individuals who have been treated for their severe medically based behavior disorder or other medical condition across multiple medical, institutional and/or correctional environments with little or no success; or individuals exhibiting behaviors extremely disruptive or dangerous to themselves, other individuals or nursing facility staff. For clarification, the established rates for each tier of the Behaviorally Complex add-on-rate will be included. Previously, the rate methodology for a Behaviorally Complex rate was listed in the State Plan. The methodology language is being replaced by the actual calculated rates.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact or change in aggregate annual expenditures.

The effective date of change is January 28, 2016.

At the conclusion of Ms. Gordon'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 – Closed the Public Hearing for the State Plan Section 4.19-D – Special Care Rates.

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

Ms. Kristine DeMorris:

Subject: Method for Determining Cost Effectiveness of Caring for Certain Disabled Children At Home (Katie Beckett)

Supplement 3 to Attachment 2.2-A, page 1 is being updated to Change Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR) to Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) and the eligibility worker to Case Manager at the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) instead of the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), for the notification of exceeding allowable costs. DWSS is not involved in the programmatic operations of this eligibility option. There is no change in eligibility, Maintenance of Effort (MOE), or anticipated financial impact for these changes.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact or change in aggregate annual expenditures.

The effective date of change is January 28, 2016.

The change in language will be ICF/IID will be changed to ICF/ID.

At the conclusion of Ms. Gordon'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 – Closed the Public Hearing for the State Plan Supplement 3 to Attachment 2.2-A – Method for Determining Cost Effectiveness of Caring for Certain Disabled Children At Home (Katie Beckett)

5. General Public Comments

- No Comments

There were no further comments and Ms. Foster adjourned the public hearing at 9:12 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.*