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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 March 16, 2017
Minutes**

Date and Time of Meeting: March 16, 2017 at 1:00 PM

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

Teleconference: (877) 402-9753

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Attendees

In Carson City, NV

Darrell Faircloth, SDAG
Lynne Foster, DHCFP
Mary Griffith, DHCFP
Chuck Damon, DHCFP
DuAne Young, DHCFP

Elizabeth Aiello, DHCFP
Shannon Sprout, DHCFP
Rebecca Vernon-Ritter, DHCFP
Jessica Vannucci, DHCFP

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 February 13, 2017 in accordance with 42 CFR 447.205.

1. Public Comment

- No Comment.

2. For Possible Action: Review and approve meeting minutes from the February 2, 2017 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 Comment.

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: Covered Outpatient Drugs - Pharmacy

Ms. Rebecca Vernon-Ritter:

As a result of the implementation of the Covered Outpatient Drug final rule with comment (CMS-2345-FC) (81 FR 5170) published on February 1, 2016, the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) will be submitting a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that will address the changes for determining reimbursement methodologies for Covered Outpatient Drugs (Pharmacy).

The Nevada State Plan, Attachment 4.19-B, Page 3, will be updated to reflect these changes.

The following Provider Types (PTs) will potentially be affected by this change: All PTs that dispense covered outpatient drugs will potentially be affected by these changes.

Estimated Change in Annual Aggregate expenditures: No change in annual aggregate expenditures is anticipated.

The effective date is April 1, 2017.

During the presentation of SPA Attachment 4.19-B, Page 3, Ms. Vernon-Ritter read in the following change:

- Section 12(a)(13), change to read: “For physician administered drugs, the ingredient cost reimbursement shall be the lowest of (a) Federal Upper Limit (FUL) as established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for listed multi-sourced drugs; (b) State Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC); (c) Actual Acquisition Cost (AAC); or (d) the pharmacist’s usual and customary charge.”

At the conclusion of Ms. Vernon-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:

- No Comment.

Mr. Faircloth’s Comments:

- No Comment.

Public Comments:

- No Comment.

Ms. Foster – Closed the Public Hearing for the SPA on Covered Outpatient Drugs (Pharmacy).

4. General Public Comments

- No Comments.

There were no further comments and Ms. Foster adjourned the public hearing at 1:11 PM.

**An Audio (CD) version of this meeting is available through the DHCFP Compliance 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.*