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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 June 28, 2017

Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: June 28, 2017 at 1:00 PM

Name of Organization: State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)

Place of Meeting: Division of Public and Behavioral Health
4150 Technology Way, Room 301
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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Attendees

In Carson City, NV

Lynne Foster, DHCFP
Tammy Moffitt, DHCFP
Sarah Lamb, DHCFP
Diane Smith, DHCFP
Sarah Ramirez, DXC

Darrell Faircloth, SDAG
Chris Johnson, Nevada Hospital Association
Brandi Dupont, Community Health Alliance
Kayla Novak, MKS Blue Tree Dental
Marcy Morris, MKS Legendary Smiles

Janet Osalvo, DHCFP
Cynthia Magana, DHCFP
Debra Sisco, DHCFP
Kathy Fuss, LSO
Jared Davies, DHCFP

Joanna Jacob, Ferrari Public Affairs
Sheri Eggleston, DHCFP
Jack Zentero, DHCFP
Catherine Vairo, DHCFP

In Las Vegas, NV

Elisa Garcia, Absolute Dental
Veronica Alvarez, Absolute Dental
Danny Jolley, Absolute Dental
Justina Hendricks, Absolute Dental
Dr. Antonia Capurro, Oral Health Program
Dr. Karen Feldman, Absolute Dental

Teleconference

Ira Jensen, NV Rural Hospital

Introduction:

Ms. Lynne Foster, Chief of Division Compliance, DHCFP, opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Ms. Tammy Moffitt, Chief of Program Integrity, DHCFP and Mr. Darrell Faircloth, Senior Deputy Attorney General (SDAG).

Ms. Foster – The notice for this public hearing was published on May 18, 2017 in accordance with 42 CFR 447.205.

1. Public Comments

- No Comments.

2. For Possible Action: Review and approve meeting minutes from the May 24, 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 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

Subject: Dental Rate Realignment

Mr. Jared Davies:

The DHCFP is proposing to revise the current payment methodology for Provider Type (PT) 22 – Dental. The new methodology will utilize the 2016 relative value units to set rates for Current Dental Terminology (CDT) codes.

The Nevada State Plan, Attachment 4.19-B, Page 2c, will be updated to reflect the proposed changes to the Dental rate methodology.

The following PT will potentially be affected by this change: PT 22 – Dental.

Estimated Change in Annual Aggregate expenditures: An estimated decrease in annual aggregate expenditures for:

SFY 2018:	<u>\$(3,325,379)</u>
	<u>\$(3,325,379)</u>

The effective date is July 1, 2017.

During the presentation of State Plan Amendment (SPA), Attachment 4.19-B, Page 2c, Mr. Davies read in the following change:

- Assurance: The agency’s dental fee schedule rates were set as of July 1, 2017.

At the conclusion of Mr. Davies presentation, Ms. Foster asked Ms. Moffitt and Mr. Faircloth 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 SPA on Dental Rate Realignment.

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

Subject: Supplemental Payment for Inpatient Hospitals

Ms. Sarah Lamb:

The DHCFP is proposing an amendment to the Nevada Medicaid State Plan that would allow the continuation of the supplemental payment program based on inpatient hospital utilization in order to preserve access to inpatient acute services through SFY 2018. This amendment will also increase the supplemental payments from \$72,215,485.61 in SFY 2017 to \$87,233,867.32 in SFY 2018.

The following PT will potentially be affected by this change: PT 011 – Hospital, Inpatient.

Estimated Change in Annual Aggregate expenditures: An estimated increase in annual aggregate expenditures for supplemental payments SFY 2018 is \$15,018,381.71.

The effective date of change is July 1, 2017.

The Nevada State Plan, Attachment 4.19-A, Page 32b, will be updated to reflect the proposed changes to the Supplemental Payment for Inpatient Hospitals.

At the conclusion of Ms. Lamb's presentation, Ms. Foster asked Ms. Moffitt and Mr. Faircloth 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 SPA on Supplemental Payment for Inpatient Hospitals.

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

Subject: Graduate Medical Education (GME) Supplemental Payment Program

Ms. Sarah Lamb:

Attachment 4.19-A, Pages 31 & 31a: The DHCFP is proposing an amendment to the Nevada Medicaid State Plan that would separate the current GME Supplemental Payment Program into the distinct supplemental payments for both Fee-for-Service (FFS) and Managed Care Organization (MCO) Medicaid services. This amendment will also change and expand eligibility criteria for the GME Supplemental payment to all public hospitals in Nevada, as well as certain private hospitals that have or may have GME programs in the future.

The following PT's will potentially be affected by this change: PT 11 – Hospital, Inpatient and PT 75 – Critical Access Hospitals.

Estimated Change in Annual Aggregate expenditures: An estimated increase in annual aggregate expenditures for:

SFY 2018: A projected annual increase of \$1,607,589 in GME Supplemental Payments.

SFY 2019: A projected annual increase of \$1,607,589 in GME Supplemental Payments.

The effective date of change is July 1, 2017.

At the conclusion of Ms. Lamb's presentation, Ms. Foster asked Ms. Moffitt and Mr. Faircloth if they had any questions or comments.

Ms. Moffitt's Comments:

- No Comments.

Mr. Faircloth's Comments:

- No Comments.

Public Comments:

Mr. Ira Jensen, from Nevada Rural Hospital Partners, commented on why this change only reflected Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital and Renown Regional Medical Center in Washoe County, instead of a blanket change for all private facilities across Nevada. He was concerned that there are private facilities in rural areas that may or may not make changes to participate in this program, and he does not want to have to go back and allow them to make changes to participate in the program.

Ms. Lamb replied that they looked at counties in which there were no public hospitals and looked to private hospitals located in that county for access to GME services. In both cases, there is no public hospital located in the counties providing those services.

Mr. Jensen inquired if there were changes in the future to where some private or public facilities would offer GME services, how would that work.

Ms. Lamb said that it would be a consideration at that point to change the State Plan.

There were no further comments and Ms. Foster adjourned the public hearing at 1:34 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.*