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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON AMENDMENTS TO
THE STATE PLAN FOR MEDICAID SERVICES AND THE
ALTERNATIVE BENEFIT PLAN (ABP)**

AGENDA

Date of Publication: January 19, 2018

Date and Time of Meeting: February 22, 2018 at 1:00 PM

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

Place of Meeting: Nevada State Legislative Building
401 S. Carson Street, Room 3137
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Place of Video Conference: Grant Sawyer Office Building
555 E. Washington Avenue, Room 4412E
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

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AGENDA

- 1. Public Comment**
- 2. For Possible Action: Review and approve meeting minutes from the January 25, 2018 public hearing**
- 3. Discussion of Proposed Adoption of Changes to the ABP for Medicaid Services, Section 8**

Subject: ABP, Section 8 - Dental

Revisions to the ABP, Section 8 for Medicaid Services are being proposed to include the Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan (PAHP) delivery model. This service plan will provide authority for the DHCFP to implement a Dental Benefits Administrator (DBA) for managed care recipients. The DBA will serve urban Clark and Washoe County recipients for dental services. The DBA is intended to strengthen access to dental care and providers for urban Nevada Medicaid recipients.

In accordance with 42 CFR §440.386, the DHCFP is proposing an amendment to the ABP to include a PAHP delivery model. This service plan will provide authority for the DHCFP to implement a DBA for managed care recipients. The DBA will serve the urban and Washoe County recipients for dental services. The state assures compliance with 42 CFR 440.345 to provide full access to Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) services for covered participants by describing the process to access these benefits in Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 1500, Healthy Kids Program.

Medicaid enrolled providers of dental services may be affected by the proposed changes, including, but not limited to: Special Clinics (PT 17), Dentist (PT 22), Indian Health Services (IHS) and Tribal Clinics (PT 47).

Estimated Change in Annual Aggregate expenditures: Unknown at this time.

The effective date of change is January 1, 2018.

4. Discussion of Proposed Amendments to the ABP and Solicitation of Public Comments

Subject: ABP, Section 5 – Podiatry, Gender Reassignment and Medical Nutrition Therapy

The following changes are being proposed to the ABP, Section 5, to expand the coverage of podiatry services, to include genital reconstruction procedures based on medical necessity for Medicaid recipients with a diagnosis of gender dysphoria and to allow for the coverage of Medical Nutrition Therapy by Registered Dietitians. These changes were authorized during the 2017 Nevada Legislative Session.

- **Subsection 1 - Essential Health Benefit: Ambulatory patient services (Page 4)** - Podiatry is being added to allow for all Medicaid eligible recipients to obtain podiatry services.
- **Subsection 9 - Essential Health Benefit: Preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management (Page 21) – Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT)** is being added to allow for MNT provided by Registered Dietitians (RDs) for recipients with nutritionally related chronic disease states.

- **Subsection 12 – Base Benchmark Benefits Not Covered Due to Substitution or Duplication (Page 28) – Reconstructive surgery was amended to remove the reference to surgeries related to sex transformation as a non-covered service.**

In accordance with 42 CFR §440.386, the DHCFP is proposing an amendment to the ABP to the State Plan for Medicaid Services that would allow for MNT Services, Gender Reassignment Surgery and Podiatry Services for all eligible Medicaid recipients. The state assures compliance with 42 CFR 440.345 to provide full access to EPSDT services for covered participants by describing the process to access these benefits in MSM Chapter 1500, Healthy Kids Program.

Medicaid-enrolled providers of podiatry services related to disorders of the foot, ankle and lower extremity, Medicaid-enrolled providers of services associated with MNT and Medicaid-enrolled providers associated with services related to gender reassignment surgery may be affected by the proposed changes, including, but not limited to: Outpatient Surgery, Hospital Based (PT 10), Hospital, Inpatient (PT 11), Mental Health, Outpatient (PT 14), Registered Dietician (PT 15), Special Clinics (Pt 17), Physician’s (PT 20), Podiatry (PT 21), Advance Practice Registered Nurse (PT 24), Psychologist (PT 26), Indian Health Services and Tribal Clinics (PT 47), Indian Health Services, Inpatient (PT 51), Indian Health Services Hospital, Outpatient (PT 52) and Physician’s Assistant (PT 77).

An estimated increase in annual aggregate expenditures for

SFY 2018:	\$ 1,923,500
SFY 2019:	\$ 2,927,418

The effective date of change is January 1, 2018.

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

Subject: Attachment 3.1-F, Page 1 – Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan (PAHP) for Dental Benefits Administrator (DBA)

Revisions to the State Plan for Medicaid Services are being proposed to include the PAHP delivery model. This service plan will provide authority for the DHCFP to implement a DBA for managed care recipients. The DBA will serve urban Clark and Washoe County recipients for dental services. The DBA is intended to strengthen access to dental care and providers for urban Nevada Medicaid recipients.

Medicaid enrolled providers of dental services may be affected by the proposed changes, including, but not limited to: Special Clinics (PT 17), Dentist (PT 22) and Indian Health Services (IHS) and Tribal Clinics (PT 47).

Estimated Change in Annual Aggregate expenditures: Unknown at this time.

The effective date of change is January 1, 2018.

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

Subject: Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) – Income and eligibility verification system.

CHIP – Nevada Check Up State Plan, Section 4.1 and Section 4.4.2, “Eligibility Standards and Methodology” and Section 5 “Outreach.” Each section is being updated to reflect compliance with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements in Section 214 of Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) about providing health coverage to certain children lawfully residing without the five-year waiting period. Also, clarification outline of the application process by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) eligibility.

The following Provider Type (PTs) will potentially be affected by this change: All providers.

An estimated increase in annual aggregate expenditures for

**SFY 2018: \$19,591,924
SFY 2019: \$19,591,924**

The effective date of change is February 1, 2018.

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

Subject: Section 2, Attachment 2.6-A “Condition or Requirement” pursuant to SB 325 approval.

Medicaid State Plan, Section 2, Attachment 2.6-A, Page 2 “Condition or Requirement” amended to reflect compliance with CMS requirements in Section 214 of CHIPRA to provide health coverage to certain children lawfully residing without the five-year waiting period.

The following PTs will potentially be affected by this change: All providers.

An estimated increase in annual aggregate expenditures for

**SFY 2018: \$19,591,924
SFY 2019: \$19,591,924**

The effective date of change is February 1, 2018.

8. **General Public Comments (Because of time considerations, the period for public comment by each speaker or organization may be limited to five minutes and speakers are urged to avoid repetition of comments made by previous speakers.)**
9. **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.

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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 the Ellen Felsing at the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, 1100 E. William Street, Suite 101, Carson City, NV 89701.

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