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**Notice of Meeting to Solicit Public Comments and Intent to Act
Upon Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services**

**Public Hearing August 27, 2019
Summary**

Date and Time of Meeting: August 27, 2019 9:00 AM

Name of Organization: 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

Teleconference: (888) 363-4735

Access Code: 1961395

Attendees

In Carson City, NV

Jodi Patton, DHCFP
DuAne Young, DHCFP
Homa Woodrum, Deputy Attorney
General (DAG)
Antonio Gudino-Vargas, DHCFP
Lori Madiluch, Renown

Alexis Tucey, DHCFP
Holly Long, DHCFP
Jessica Crouch, Division of Welfare and
Supportive Services (DWSS)
Jamie Evens, DHCFP
Amy Hanson, Renown

Jean Crouch, Nevada Rural Hospital
Partners (NRHP)
Carl Jeffery, Optum Rx

Steven Messinger, Nevada Primary Care
Association (NPAC)
Theresa Carsten, DHCFP

In Las Vegas, NV

Deborah O'Neal-Pool, Steinberg
Diagnostic Medical Imaging Centers
(SDMI)
Samantha Sato, Carrara, Nevada

Jerry Hartman, Steinberg Diagnostic
Medical Imaging Centers (SDMI)

Introduction:

Ms. Jodi Patton, Chief I, Medical Programs, DHCFP, opened the public hearing introducing herself, Mr. DuAne Young, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP, and Ms. Homa Woodrum, DAG.

Ms. Patton stating the notice for this public hearing was published on July 26, 2019 in accordance with NRS 422.2369.

1. Public Comments

No Comments.

2. Discussion of Amendments to the Medicaid State Plan on Spouse to Spouse and Parent to Child Deeming

Subject: Spouse to Spouse and Parent to Child Deeming

Ms. Theresa Carsten introduced herself as the Chief of the Managed Care Quality Assurance Unit at the DHCFP. She said she was asked to present the proposed amendments to the Medicaid State Plan, Section 2.6, Supplement 8a to Attachment 2.6-A of the plan, Page 1a. This section of the State Plan is being revised due to the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, Section 53103, specific to the treatment of lottery winnings and how lump sum income is accounted for in determining Medicaid eligibility. There are no Medicaid Provider types (PT) that will be impacted by the amendment. The amendment is not anticipated to result in any changes to annual expenditures.

The effective date is July 1, 2019

At the conclusion of Ms. Carsten's presentation, Ms. Patton asked Mr. Young and Ms. Woodrum if they had any questions or comments and there were none.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Patton closed the public hearing for the Medicaid State Plan on Spouse to Spouse and Parent to Child Deeming.

3. Discussion of Amendments to the Medicaid State Plan on Nevada Check Up (NCU), Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Section 4.1.3 Income

Subject: NCU CHIP Section 4.1.3 Income

Ms. Carsten reintroduced herself. She said she is presenting on the proposed amendment to the NCU, CHIP State Plan, Section 4, Eligibility Standards and Methodology, Subsection 4.1.3 Income. This section of the State Plan is being amended to incorporate changes as outlined within the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, Section 53103, specific to the treatment of lottery winnings and how lump sum income is accounted for in determining eligibility in the CHIP program. There are no Medicaid/CHIP PT that will be impacted by this amendment. The amendment is not anticipated to result in any changes to annual expenditures.

The effective date is July 1, 2019

At the conclusion of Ms. Carsten’s presentation, Ms. Patton asked Mr. Young and Ms. Woodrum if they had any questions or comments and there were none.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Patton closed the public hearing for the SPA on NCU CHIP Section 4.1.3 Income.

- 4. Agenda item four has been removed from the public hearing agenda. A future date for a public hearing on this item has not been determined.
- 5. Agenda item five has been removed from the public hearing agenda. A future date for a public hearing on this item has not been determined.

6. Discussion of Amendments to the Medicaid State Plan on Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHC).

Subject: Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHC).

Ms. Alexis Tucey introduced herself as the Chief of Behavioral Health with the DHCFP. Ms. Tucey stated she would be discussing the proposed amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and solicitation of public comments regarding the CCBHCs formally known as the Certified Community behavioral Health Clinics. The DHCFP is proposing to amend the Nevada State Plan to include the services and reimbursement methodology for the continuation of CCBHC services. The DHCFP is proposing to add State Plan pages outlining the proposed changes in the following areas:

Attachment 3.1-A, Page 6e
Attachment 4.19-B, Page 8

This proposed change affects all Medicaid-enrolled providers delivering CCBHC services. The affected PT is Special Clinics (PT 17, Specialty 188). There will be an estimated increase in annual aggregate expenditures for:

SFY 2020: \$17,531,400

SFY 2021: \$21,883,846

Ms. Tucey would like to make a friendly amendment to modify States affective dates to September 14, 2019.

In collaboration with the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), Nevada was one of 24 states selected for an initial one-year planning grant in 2016 and was one of eight states that was awarded a two-year demonstration grant in 2017. Now that the two-year demonstration period is over, the DHCFP is moving the CCBHC into the State Plan and will be looking at expanding the three pre-existing clinics with seven additional centers.

Ms. Tucey reported that moving the CCBHC's in to the State Plan will allow Nevada to continue to support a holistic approach to person - centered care, including behavioral health care, as well as physical care. The service array is designed to address co-occurring diagnosis, as well as addressing the physical health care needs that can go hand-in-hand.

The model will remain the same as it has during the demonstration period. This includes the requirement to be certified through Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC) through the DPBH. The CCBHC's may also utilize Designated Collaborative Organizations (DCO) if deemed appropriate to assist in providing the comprehensive service array.

Ms. Tucey itemized the service array:

- Crisis mental health services, including 24-hour mobile crisis teams, emergency crisis intervention services and crisis stabilization;
- Screening, assessment and diagnosis, including risk assessment;
- Patient-centered treatment planning or similar processes, including risk assessment and crisis planning;
- Outpatient mental health and substance use services;
- Outpatient clinic primary care screening and monitoring of key health indicators and
- Health risk;
- Targeted case management;
- Psychiatric rehabilitation services;
- Peer support and counselor services and family peer supports.

Ms. Tucey stated that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has also requested some additional changes. Ms. Tucey asked to make a friendly amendment to the current state plan amendment. She would like to include a grid of provider types that are eligible to provide these services. This is not a change to the policy, but this is identifying the individual PTs, such as;

- Licensed physicians
- Psychologists
- Psychiatrists
- Registered Nurses
- Advanced Nurse Practitioners
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists

- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Clinical Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors
- Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors
- Licensed Occupational Therapist
- Others that will fall within the state plan.

Ms. Tucey requested a friendly amendment to the service limitations that identify that there are no service limitations on the amount of services recipients may receive in a day, as this is a daily encounter rate.

At the conclusion of Ms. Tucey's presentation, Ms. Patton asked Mr. Young and Ms. Woodrum if they had any questions or comments. They had no comments.

7. Discussion of Amendments to the Medicaid State Plan on Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHC).

Subject: Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHC), Attachment 4.19-B, Page 8

Ms. Tucey reintroduced herself and summarized Attachment 4.19-B, Page 8.

She would like to make a friendly amendment to modify the effective date from July 1, 2019 to September 14, 2019.

At the conclusion of Ms. Tucey's presentation, Ms. Patton asked Mr. Young and Ms. Woodrum if they had any questions or comments.

Mr. Young had no comments.

Ms. Woodrum noted the changes in the Amendments.

There were no public comments

There were no further comments and Ms. Patton closed the public hearing for Certified Community Behavioral Health Center, Attachment 4.19-B, Page 8.

8. Adjournment

There were no further comments and Ms. Patton adjourned the public hearing at 9:16 AM.

**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 Jenifer Graham at jenifer.graham@dhcfp.nv.gov or (775) 684-3685 with any questions.*