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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON AMENDMENTS TO THE  
STATE PLAN FOR MEDICAID SERVICES**

**AGENDA**

- Date of Publication:** December 24, 2020
- Date and Time of Meeting:** January 26, 2021 at 9:00 AM
- 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:** Please use the teleconference/WebEx options provided below. If accommodations are requested, please advise using the information at the end of this agenda. Out of deference to Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 from the State of Nevada Executive Department signed by Governor Sisolak on March 22, 2020 as well as Emergency Directive 003 signed March 20, 2020, a physical location will not be open to the public for attendance at this time.

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## AGENDA

1. General Public Comments (Because of time considerations, the period for public comment by each speaker or organization may be limited to three minutes and speakers are urged to avoid repetition of comments made by previous speakers. *Owing to the lack of a physical location for this meeting, public comment is encouraged to be submitted in advance.*)
2. **For possible action:** Discussion of proposed Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and solicitation of public comments

Subject: **Non-Emergency Secure Behavioral Health Transports**

- a. Medicaid State Plan - Attachment 3.1-D: Transportation, pages 1 and 2.
- b. Medicaid State Plan - Attachment 3.1-A: Amount, Duration and Scope of Medical and Remedial Care and Services Provided to the Categorically Needy, pages 9, 9a, 9b.
- c. Attachment 4.19-B: Payment for Medical Care and Services, pages 4.4 and 4 (addendum).

The DHCFP is proposing changes to the Nevada Medicaid State Plan to define the service and rate methodology of Non-Emergency Secure Behavioral Health Transports, based on regulations passed due to AB66 from the 2019 Legislative Session. Non-Emergency Secure Behavioral Health Transport Services means the use of a motor vehicle, other than an ambulance or other emergency response vehicle, that is specifically designed, equipped and staffed by an accredited agent to transport a person alleged to be in a mental health crisis or other behavioral health condition, including individuals placed on a legal hold.

- d. Alternative Benefit Plan- ABP5, Benefits Description, Section 14: Other 1937 Covered Benefits that are not Essential Health Benefits, page 34.

In accordance with 42 CFR §440.386, the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy is proposing an amendment to the Alternative Benefits Plan to the State Plan for Medicaid Services that would allow for Non-Emergency Secure Behavioral Health Transport 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.

The following Provider Type (PT) will potentially be affected by this change: This proposed change affects all Medicaid-enrolled providers delivering non-emergency secure behavioral health transport services. Those PTs include but are not limited to: Non-Emergency Secure Behavioral Health Transports (PT 35, Specialty 987); and Ambulance, Air, or Ground (PT 32).

Estimated change in annual aggregate expenditures: An estimated increase in annual aggregate expenditures for

SFY 2021: \$1,024,454

SFY 2022: \$2,283,300

The effective date of change is February 1, 2021.

- e. Public comment regarding subject matter.
3. **For possible action:** Discussion of proposed Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and solicitation of public comments

Subject: **1915(i) Home and Community Based Services benefit for Intensive In-Home Services and Supports and Crisis Stabilization Services**

The DHCFP is proposing an amendment to the 1915(i) Home and Community Based Services benefit for Intensive In-Home Services and Supports and Crisis Stabilization Services. This amendment will include an additional care coordination model, Safety Assessment Family Evaluation (SAFE), to be utilized by the local county agencies when evaluating individuals to be eligible for these services.

This proposed change affects all Medicaid-enrolled providers delivering Intensive In-Home Supports and Services and Crisis Stabilization Services. Those PTs include but are not limited to Specialized Foster Care Services (PT 86).

Estimated change in annual aggregate expenditures: No change in annual aggregate expenditures is anticipated.

The effective date of change is January 1, 2021.

a. Public comment regarding subject matter.

#### 4. 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Items may be taken out of order. Items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time. All public comment may be limited to three minutes.

The DHCFP is exempt from Chapter 233B according to NRS 233B.039 and is not required to comply with the open meeting law in this process.

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