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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 January 20, 2023 Summary

Date and Time of Meeting: January 20, 2023, at 11:30 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: DHCFP
1100 E. William Street
First Floor Conference Room
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Teleconference and/or Microsoft Teams Attendees

(Note: This List May Not Include All Participants, Just Those Who Identified Themselves)

Gabriel Lither, Senior Deputy Attorney General	Frederick Gibison, Mercer
Stacie Weeks, Administrator DHCFP	Michelyn Y. Domingo, Anthem
Lynette Aaron, Acting Deputy Administrator, DHCFP	Samantha Sato, Carrara Nevada
Casey Angres, DHCFP	Dorothy A. Edwards, Washoe Behavioral Health
Charles Olander, Ferrari Reeder Public Affairs (FRPA)	Joy Cleveland, Anthem
Amy Levin, MD, Anthem	Charles Greenberg
Chris Bosse, Renown	Michael Willden
Mark Rosenberg	

Introduction:

Casey Angres, Manager of Division Compliance, DHCFP, opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Stacie Weeks, Administrator, DHCFP, and Gabriel Lither, Senior Deputy Attorney General.

Casey Angres – The notice for this public hearing was published on December 13, 2022, and the meeting was rescheduled on January 13, 2023, in accordance with Nevada Statute 422.2369.

1. **Public Comments:** There were none.
2. **Discussion of Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and Solicitation of Public Comments**

Subject: Nevada State Plan Attachment 4.19-A, Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Program

Lynnette Aaron, Acting Deputy Administrator, DHCFP, presented a high-level overview of the intended changes. The DSH program is intended to help assist funding with hospitals for their uncompensated care limits. When Nevada opted into the Affordable Care Act (ACA) expansion population, Medicaid eligibility was increased statewide. This reduced the uncompensated care in Nevada. In 2014, some of the DSH gap was filled by Medicaid payers. These changes being proposed account for those changes in eligibility.

With the uncompensated care being reduced as a result of the ACA expansion, around 2017, DHCFP started seeing what Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) refer to as a DSH redistribution, discovered through the annual federally required audits. This results in Medicaid needing to recoup any overpayments from a pool of hospitals and then process payments in the amount of the overpayment to the next pool of hospitals. As time has passed, these redistributions have increased to the point where they are no longer sustainable, which is driving this change. It has been recognized the healthcare industry has changed the Medicaid program and DHCFP is trying to align the DSH program, so it is sustainable and still creating the benefits that it is intended to do.

Changes are being made to the Nevada State Plan Attachment 4.19-A, related to the DSH calculations and distribution formula. The redline language adjusts the DSH distribution allocation by pool, as well as the time periods that are being looked at for state fiscal years (SFY) 2023 and 2024. This is a temporary change because DHCFP is not in the window for a permanent Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) change, DHCFP needed to align this for SFYs 2023 and 2024. The percentages by pool are being redlined and revised. For example, Pool A is being reduced to 32.46%, Pool B is being increased to 9.49%, Pool C is being increased to 32.90%, Pool D is being increased to 5.90%, and Pool E is being increased to 19.25%. Language was also added to allow DHCFP to reduce the DSH allotment accordingly to prevent overpayments within the SFY.

At the conclusion of Lynnette Aaron's presentation, Casey Angres asked Stacie Weeks and Gabriel Lither if they had any questions or comments, they had none.

Public Comments: There were none.

Casey Angres – Closed the Public Hearing for Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid related to the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) program.

3. Adjournment

There were no further comments and Casey Angres closed the public hearing at 11:35 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 documentcontrol@dhcp.nv.gov with any questions.***