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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 May 30, 2023 Summary

Date and Time of Meeting: May 30, 2023, at 10:00 AM

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

Place of Meeting: DHCFFP
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
Malinda Southard, Deputy Administrator, DHCFFP
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Alyssa Drucker, Gainwell Technologies (GWT)
Amber Cronn
Anna Olsen-Figueroa, DHCFFP
Antonio Brown, DHCFFP
April Caughron, DHCFFP
Ashleigh Brunner, Department of Justice
Ashleigh Papez, GWT
Brooke Gruger, Liberty Dental
Carin Hennessey, DHCFFP
Casey Angres, DHCFFP
Christy Nguyen, Fidelis Rx
David Olsen, DHCFFP
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Ellen Flowers, DHCFFP

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Jeana Piroli
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Karen White
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Laura Valentine, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)
Laurie Curfman, DHCFP
Loren Gonzalez
Lori Follett, DHCFP
M. Capen
Mandy Coscarat
Marcel Brown, DHCFP
Maria Reyes, Fidelis Rx
Marianna McKown
Mary Gilbertson
Maxmillian Lowe
Monica Schiffer, DHCFP

Sheri Oswald, GWT
Rachael Peters
Rianna White, Fidelis Rx
Robin Oschenschlager, DHCFP
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Introduction:

Casey Angres, Chief of Division Compliance, DHCFP, opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Malinda Southard, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP, and Gabriel Lither, Senior Deputy Attorney General.

Casey Angres – The notice for this public hearing was published on April 27, 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: Supplement 1 to Attachment 3.1-A Targeted Case Management (TCM)

Marcel Brown, Social Services Program Specialist, Behavioral Health Unit, DHCFP presented the proposed revisions to the Nevada State Plan Amendment (SPA) Supplement 1 to Attachment 3.1-A Targeted Case Management to add Nevada local county agencies as qualified providers under provider type (PT) 54 – Targeted Case Management to deliver TCM Services to adults with Serious Mental Illness (SMI). Currently county agencies are identifying recipients with SMI in need of Case Management Services but are unable to be reimbursed for these services to assist. This revision will allow county agencies to continue to see and provide services to these recipients when the need arises at their prospective agencies.

Language is also being clarified to identify a Nevada University Health System as a provider in both the SPA and Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) rather than the Nevada School of Medicine. Under the Section for TCM for the Target Group of Adults with SMI are the updates made for the provider qualifications as well as the addition of the local county agency and Nevada added to the University Health System.

This proposed change affects all Medicaid enrolled providers delivering Case Management Services. Those PTs include but are not limited to Targeted Case Management (PT 54).

The estimated change in annual aggregate expenditures: Unknown at this time but expected for local government.

The effective date of the change is April 1, 2023.

At the conclusion of Marcel Brown's presentation, Casey Angres asked Malinda Southard 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 Supplement 1 to Attachment 3.1-A Targeted Case Management

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

Subject: SPA Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)

Marcel Brown, Social Services Program Specialist, Behavioral Health Unit, DHCFP, presented the proposition of an ABP Amendment to Section 14 Other 1937 Covered Benefits that are not Essential Health Benefits to add MAT as required by Section 1006(b) of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act, HR 6, and Section 1905(a)(29) of the Social Security Act (SSA). Section 1006(b) of the SUPPORT Act requires states to begin implementing MAT as a mandatory Medicaid state plan benefit for categorically needy populations for the five-year period beginning October 1, 2020.

Per Section 1905(a)(29) of the Act, beginning October 1, 2020, MAT services are covered as a mandatory benefit for adults and children who meet the medical necessity criteria for receipt of services. MAT is also an evidence-based practice using methadone, naltrexone, buprenorphine, and all other forms of MAT approved under Section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S. Code 355) and all biological products licensed under Section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S. Code 262) for the treatment of opioid use disorders (OUD). With respect to the provision of such drugs and biological products, MAT also includes the provision of counseling and behavioral therapy.

The State Plan was previously approved to cover MAT services. However, the State was notified that the ABP would also need amending to add these vital services. This amendment is to align with federal guidance.

This proposed change affects all Medicaid enrolled providers delivering MAT services for OUD. Those PTs include, but are not limited to: Physician, M.D., Osteopaths, D.O. (PT 20), Advance Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) (PT 24), Nurse Midwife (PT 74), Physician Assistant (PT 77), Methadone Clinics (PT 17, Specialty 171), and Substance Abuse Agency Model (SAAM) (PT 17, Specialty 215).

The estimated change in annual aggregate expenditures: None.

The effective date of this proposed policy is retroactive to October 1, 2020.

At the conclusion of Marcel Brown's presentation, Casey Angres asked Malinda Southard 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 the SPA ABP MAT.

4. Adjournment

There were no further comments and Casey Angres closed the Public Hearing at 10:08 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.***