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

REVISED AGENDA

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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: DHCFP
4070 Silver Sage Dr
Main Conference Room
Carson City, Nevada 89701

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2. Discussion of proposed Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and solicitation of public comments

Subject: Rate Update for Provider Type 91 Pharmacists

The Division is proposing an amendment to the Nevada Medicaid State Plan Attachment 4.19-B, Pages 1e (continued) and 1e (continued). During the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session, Senate Bill (SB) 439 was passed and signed into law. Per the terms of this bill, the Nevada Medicaid State Plan must be updated to allow advance practice registered nurses (APRNs) and physician assistants (PAs) to be paid in parity with physicians when providing services to test for, treat, or prevent human immunodeficiency virus or hepatitis C. Please note that although APRNs are included in SB 439 under specific circumstances, full parity for APRNs was included in SB 504 of the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session; as such, this agenda item only addresses parity for PAs under the conditions described in the bill. As such, under NRS 422.27235 Pharmacists Provider Type (PT 91) will be in parity with Physician Assistants (PT 77).

The following PT will potentially be affected by this change:

This State Plan Amendment (SPA) is anticipated to impact providers of Physician Services. This provider type includes Pharmacists (PT 91).

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

SFY 2024:	Unknown due to lack of historical utilization
SFY 2025:	Unknown due to lack of historical utilization

The effective date of change is April 1, 2024.

- a. Public comment regarding subject matter.

3. Discussion of proposed Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and solicitation of public comments

Subject: Indigent Accident Fund

Section VIII, to preserve inpatient hospital access to indigent patients in the state of Nevada. The State Plan will need specific language updated for fiscal year 2025.

In section XV of the State Plan, under Supplemental Payment for Inpatient Hospitals time periods referenced, and total payment amount will need to be updated. Specifically:

- Page 32b paragraph A1 will be updated from: *"For the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 the total computable payment will be \$70,196,969.02"* to *"For the period October 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 the total computable payment will be \$65,363,566.87"*
- Page 32b paragraph A2 will be updated from: *"The aggregated amount of supplemental payments to inpatient hospitals shall not exceed the Upper Payment Limit (UPL) for each one of the respective periods. The supplemental payment for the period of State Fiscal Year 2024 will be accounted for in the UPL room available for State Fiscal Year 2024,"* to *"The aggregated amount of supplemental payments to inpatient hospitals shall not exceed the Upper Payment Limit (UPL) for each one of the respective periods. The supplemental payment for the period of State Fiscal Year 2025 will be accounted for in the UPL room available for State Fiscal Year 2025"*.

Estimate change in annual aggregate expenditures: An estimated decrease of SFY 2025 is \$4,833,402.15.

SFY 2024: \$70,196,969.02

SFY 2025: \$65,363,566.87

The effective date of change is July 1, 2024.

The following PTs will potentially be affected by this change: Inpatient Hospitals (PT 11), Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) (PT 75), Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitals (PT 13), Rehabilitation, Specialty or Long-Term Acute Care (LTAC) (PT 56).

- a. Public comment regarding subject matter.

4. Discussion of proposed Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and solicitation of public comments

Subject: Disproportionate Share Hospitals

Section VIII, Hospitals Serving Low-Income Patients Disproportionate Share Hospitals (DSH) State Plan will need specific language to be updated for fiscal year 2025.

In Section VIII, subsection B (2), the DSH state plan rate year will be updated from "July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024" to the upcoming state fiscal year "July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025."

In Section VIII, subsection B (2), the total DSH to be paid out during the time period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 will be updated from the previous fiscal year 2024 projection amount of "\$22,432,159.05" to the recently updated state fiscal year 2025 projection amount of "\$25,138,225.17."

In Section VIII, subsection C (2), the DSH payment frequency referenced in the state plan will change from “will be made monthly to the eligible hospitals” to “will be made quarterly to the eligible hospitals”.

Estimated change in annual aggregate expenditures is expected to be: An estimated increase of \$2,706,066.16.

SFY 2023:	\$22,432,159.05
SFY 2024:	\$25,138,225.17

The effective date of change is July 1, 2024.

- a. Public comment regarding subject matter.

3.5. Adjournment

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