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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED
REGULATIONS**

**Public Workshop on Proposed Regulations Pertaining to the
Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH)**

- Date of Publication:** March 14, 2014
- Date and Time of Meeting:** March 31, 2014 at 10:00am
- Name of Organization:** The State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)
- Place of Meeting:** Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
1100 E. William St, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Carson City, Nevada 89701
- Place of Video-Conference:** Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
Las Vegas District Office
1210 S. Valley View Blvd. Suite 104
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Agenda

- 1. Presentation and Public Comment regarding the proposed amendments to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 422.**

The DHCFP is proposing to amend Chapter 422 of the NAC. The purpose of this workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics that may be addressed in the proposed regulations:

- a. The DHCFP is proposing amendments to the DSH methodology set forth in Chapter 422 of the NAC. In a workshop held on October 1, 2013, DHCFP proposed repealing NAC 422.025, 422.045, 422.115, 422.125, 422.135, 422.155, as there is a projected decrease in DSH federal allotments and the DSH methodology is also set forth in the State Plan. Per the Legislative Council Bureau, the DSH methodology must be set for in the NAC. Accordingly, the DHCFP is proposing to amend NAC 422.025, 422.045, 422.115, 422.125, 422.135, 422.15 due to the anticipated decrease in DSH federal allotments.**

- b. **The DHCFP is proposing to amend NAC 422.055 and 422.065. Pools of hospitals will be defined in the Medicaid State Plan as stated in 422.055; and public hospital definition will be clarified in 422.065.**
- c. **The DHCFP is proposing the adoption NAC 422.117 and 422.157. NAC 422.117 describes the program limits, eligibility and determination of the DSH program. NAC 422.157 describes the recalculation after audit, final distribution, recovery and redistribution of DSH payments.**
- d. **There is no projected State General Fund fiscal impact as a result of these amendments. DSH funding is based on an allotment set by the Federal Government. The final amount of the aggregate reduction has not been determined by CMS, but is estimated to be \$4.6 million for SFY 2014.**
- e. **Due to the anticipated decrease in DSH federal allotment, DHCFP expects a reduction in DSH supplemental payments to eligible hospitals.**
- f. **Small Business Impact Statement for the DSH proposed regulations. An analysis of the number of employees of the hospitals that are currently participating in the DSH program was conducted. Only two of the current DSH eligible hospitals, Mt. Grant General Hospital and South Lyon Health Center operate with a number of full time employees lower than 150, which put them in the small business category.**

The new methodology, which, results in a very slight increase in DSH payment over what these two hospitals would have received. The increase is so slight, as to be negligible and it is based on a projected allotment.

2. **Public Comment Regarding Subject Matter**
3. **Public Comment Regarding any Other DHCFP Issue**
4. **Adjournment**

Items may be taken out of order. Two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration. Items may be removed from the agenda or discussion of items may be delayed at any time.

This notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulations has been sent to the DHCFP's mailing list for administrative regulations. All persons that have requested in writing to receive the Agenda have been duly notified by mail or e-mail.

Notice of this public workshop meeting and draft copies of the changes will be available on or after the date of this notice at the DHCFP Web site (dhcftp.nv.us); Carson City Central office and Las Vegas DHCFP. The agenda posting of this meeting can be viewed at the follow locations: Nevada State Library; Carson City Library; Churchill County Library; Las Vegas Library; Douglas County Library; Elko County Library; Lincoln County Library; Lyon County Library; Mineral County Library; Tonopah Public Library; Pershing County Library; Goldfield Public Library; Eureka Branch Library; Humboldt County Library; Lander County Library; Storey County Library; Washoe County Library; and White Pine County Library and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

If requested in writing, a copy of the proposal will be mailed to you. Requests and/or written comments on the proposed changes may be sent to Rita Mackie, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, 1100 E. William Street, Suite 101, Carson City, NV 89701.

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Note: We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are physically challenged and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, in writing, at 1100 East William Street, Suite 101, Carson City, or call Rita Mackie at (775) 684-3681, as soon as possible, or e-mail at rmackie@dhefp.nv.gov
