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PUBLIC NOTICE TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON THE NEVADA ACCESS TO CARE MONITORING REVIEW PLAN (ACMRP)

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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)

1. General public comment may be submitted in writing. You may submit comments electronically to dhcfp@dhcfp.nv.gov.
2. This Public Notice is to inform the public of the following request for public comment:
Federal law requires state Medicaid programs to establish methods and procedures to ensure that Fee for Service (FFS) Medicaid beneficiaries can access services to at least the same extent as the general population in the same geographic area.

On November 2, 2015, the CMS published a final rule that implements the equal access provision that requires state Medicaid agencies to develop, update, publish and submit to CMS a medical assistance access monitoring review plan. The final rule require state Medicaid agencies collect and analyze data to demonstrate sufficient access to care by examining enrollee needs, the availability of care and providers and the utilization of services. Beneficiary experiences are to be a primary determinant of whether access is sufficient. The Access to Care Monitoring Review Plan (ACMRP) must consider the following items:

- The extent to which beneficiaries' needs are met.
- Availability of care through enrolled providers to beneficiaries in each geographic area, by provider type and site of service.
- Changes in beneficiary utilization of covered services in each geographic area.
- Characteristics of the beneficiary population (including considerations for care, service, and payment variations for pediatric and adult populations, as well as individuals with disabilities; and
- Actual or estimated levels of provider payment available from other payers, including other public and private payers, and by provider type along with the geographic area of service.

Effective April 8, 2016, the new rule requires states to develop review plans and update them at a minimum of every three years. States must make plans available to the public for at least 30 days, including review and feedback from Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC), finalize and submit to CMS for review.

The ACMRP will include data-driven processes by which the DHCFP documents and monitors access to care. Documentation and monitoring will focus on the five specific categories; the extent to which beneficiary needs are fully met, the availability of care through enrolled providers, utilization of Medicaid services, changes in beneficiary service utilization and a comparison of Medicaid rates and rates paid by other payers in the market.

There are three metrics for Calendar Year (CY) 2021 and for the first quarter of 2022 for review:

Measure 1: Number of providers enrolled to the number of providers billing for services
Measure 2: Number of members accessing services by region

Measure 3: Number of services utilizers divided by the number of members eligible for services

The results of these metrics can be found at the following link: [Access to Care Monitoring Data](#)

DHCFP will be accepting feedback on the measures provided or on any new measures. DHCFP will post this public notice for 30 days. Any feedback must be submitted to the DHCFP via the instructions in Section 1 above.

This notice has been posted online at <http://dhcfp.nv.gov> and <http://notice.nv.gov>, as well as Carson City, Las Vegas, Elko and Reno central offices for DHCFP. E-mail notice has been made to such individuals as have requested notice of meetings (to request notifications please contact Vanessa.Prada@dhcfp.nv.gov , or at 1100 East William Street, Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

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