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## PUBLIC NOTICE TO SOLICIT COMMENT ON THE INTENT TO SUBMIT A STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO REIMBURSE FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS (FQHC) AND RURAL HEALTH CLINICS (RHC) FOR LONG-ACTING REVERSIBLE CONTRACEPTIVES (LARCS) OUTSIDE OF THEIR MEDICAL ENCOUNTER RATES

December 28, 2023

**Name of Organization:** Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)

General public comments are encouraged to be submitted in writing. You may submit comments in one of two ways. (Please choose only one of the ways listed below):

**Electronically:** You may email comments to [DocumentControl@dhcfp.nv.gov](mailto:DocumentControl@dhcfp.nv.gov). Write "Proposed State Plan Amendment to Reimburse LARC Services for FQHCs and RHCs" in the subject line.

**Mail:** You may mail written comments to the following address:  
Division of Health Care Financing and Policy  
ATTN: "Proposed State Plan Amendment to Reimburse LARC Services for FQHCs and RHCs"  
1100 E. William Street, Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701

### Purpose:

The purpose of this notice is to provide the public with information and to collect public feedback regarding the state's intent to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) for federal approval to implement changes to the reimbursement methodology for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) for Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARCs). The proposed State Plan Amendment would allow FQHCs/RHCs to be reimbursed separately for Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARC), outside of their established medical encounter rates. FQHC/RHCs would be reimbursed separately for both the device and the insertion/removal procedure, in addition to their established medical encounter rates. These changes will be effective January 1, 2024.

The Division intends to publish the draft SPA and other supporting materials on its website within the coming months at: <http://dhcfp.nv.gov/>. Emails will be sent to such individuals as have requested public notice of SPAs and meetings (to request notifications please contact [documentcontrol@dhcfp.nv.gov](mailto:documentcontrol@dhcfp.nv.gov), or at 1100 East William Street, Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

**Overview:** Currently, FQHC/RHCs are not reimbursed separately for these services, and their established medical encounter rates do not adequately cover the costs associated with LARCs. In order to enhance access to these types of contraceptives, the Division is proposing an amendment to allow FQHC/RHCs to be reimbursed for LARC devices and insertion/removal costs outside of their established medical encounter rates.

The Division is keenly interested in ensuring that Medicaid participants have access to effective reproductive health care and ensuring that our providers are reimbursed adequately for providing these vital services will go a long way in creating that access.

**Methodology:** FQHCs and RHCs will continue to be reimbursed their established medical encounter rates. However, upon implementation of this State Plan Amendment, FQHC/RHCs may submit additional claims to be reimbursed separately for LARC devices and insertion or removal, which will be paid in accordance with the reimbursement methodologies outlined in State Plan Attachment 4.19-B.

**Expected Expenditures:** The State is working to determine any potential financial impacts from the proposed changes. Any success in preventing unplanned pregnancies can only result in lowering health care costs for both the mother and the child and potentially reduce risks to mothers if pregnancies occur too close together.

### **Notice Information**

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### **Public Hearing**

The Division will host a public hearing prior to submitting the State Plan Amendment to seek further public comment. This public hearing will be held by the end of the first quarter of calendar year 2024 and additional information will be shared at that time. This information will be posted online at <http://dhcfp.nv.gov>, as well as Carson City, Las Vegas, Elko, and Reno central offices for DHCFP. Email notice has been made to such individuals as have requested notice of meetings (to request notifications please contact [documentcontrol@dhcfp.nv.gov](mailto:documentcontrol@dhcfp.nv.gov), or at 1100 East William Street, Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701. DHCFP, 1100 E. William St., Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701 DHCFP, 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 103, Elko, Nevada 89801 DHCFP, 1210 S. Valley View, Suite 104, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 DHCFP, 745 W. Moana Lane, Suite 200, Reno, Nevada 89509.