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## PUBLIC NOTICE TO SOLICIT COMMENT ON INTENT TO SUBMIT A STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO UNBUNDLE LONG-ACTING REVERSIBLE CONTRACEPTIVES FROM MATERNITY PER DIEM RATES FOR GENERAL ACUTE HOSPITALS

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 Unbundle LARC Services for General Acute Hospitals" 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 Unbundle LARC Services for General Acute Hospitals"  
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 impose changes to the reimbursement methodology for maternity services provided by general acute hospitals (Provider Type 11). The proposed State Plan Amendment would allow hospitals to be reimbursed separately for Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARC). Hospitals would be reimbursed separately for both the device and the insertion/removal procedure, in addition to the maternity per diem rate currently reimbursed. 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, general acute hospitals are reimbursed for inpatient maternity services at a per diem rate of \$1,197. This reimbursement rate covers all services rendered throughout the course of the inpatient day. However, the cost of LARC devices may approach or exceed the current maternity per diem payment. In order to enhance access to contraceptives, the Division is proposing an amendment to allow hospitals to be reimbursed for LARC devices and insertion/removal separately, in addition to the maternity per diem payment.

During the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session, Senate Bill (SB) 280 was passed and signed into law. SB 280 requires hospitals "to provide for the insertion or injection on certain long-acting reversible contraception if requested by a patient giving birth at a hospital." Although Medicaid is already in compliance with this bill, the current reimbursement rates for maternity services may create barriers to patients accessing these services.

**Methodology:** General acute hospitals will continue to be reimbursed \$1,197 per day for maternity services. However, upon implementation of this State Plan Amendment, general acute hospitals may submit additional claims to be reimbursed separately for LARC devices and insertion/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.

### **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. 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.