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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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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 is encouraged to be submitted in writing. You may submit comments in one of two ways (please choose only one of the ways listed):

Electronically: You may email comments to dhcfc@dhcfc.nv.gov. Write "Behavioral Health Public Notice" in the subject line.

Mail: You may mail written comments to the following address: Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
ATTN Behavioral Health Public Notice, 1100 E William Street, Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

2. This public notice is to add the following information that was inadvertently omitted from the previous Public Hearing Notice published on February 4, 2021. Additionally, the items addressed in the State Plan Amendment (SPA NV 21-0004) were provided for Tribal Consultation/Notification on January 22, 2021.

In accordance with 42 CFR §440.386, the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy is proposing an amendment to the Alternative Benefits Plan to the State Plan for Medicaid Services that would add Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) as required by Section 1006(b) of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act, HR 6, and, Section 1905(a)(29) of the Social Security Act. Section 1006(b) of the SUPPORT Act requires states to begin implementing MAT as a mandatory Medicaid state plan benefit for categorically needy populations for the 5-year period beginning October 1, 2020. This ABP update will combine already required covered medications and services used in MAT for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) into one section, this amendment is not new policy but rather a mechanical change to the ABP.

The state assures compliance with 42 CFR 440.345 to provide full access to Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) services for covered participants by describing the process to access these benefits in Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 1500, Healthy Kids Program.

3. Discussion took place on February 23, 2021 regarding the proposed Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and solicitation of public comments. As a result, State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 3.1-A was approved to add in MAT services.

Subject: State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 3.1-A

This proposed change affects all Medicaid-enrolled providers delivering MAT services for OUD. Those provider types include, but are not limited to: Physician, M.D., Osteopath, D.O., (PT 20), Advance Practice Registered Nurse, (PT 24), Nurse Midwife, (PT 74), Physician's Assistant, (PT 77), Methadone Clinic, (PT 17 Specialty 171), and Substance Abuse Agency Model (SAAM) (PT 17 Specialty 215).

The effective date of change is October 1, 2020.

A Public Hearing has already taken place on June 23, 2020 for the addition of the Medication Assisted Treatment Medicaid Service Manual 3800 policy with the effective date of June 24, 2020.

Nevada Medicaid is unaware of any financial impact to other entities or local government due to the adjustments previously heard at public hearing, other than as stated 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 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

If you require a physical copy of this notice, or supporting information related to the prior hearing on September 28, 2021, please contact documentcontrol@dhcfp.nv.gov, or at 1100 East William Street, Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701.