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**Division of Health Care Financing and Policy**  
**Notice of meeting to solicit public comments and intent to act**  
**Upon Amendments to the Medicaid Services Manual (MSM)**

**Public Hearing March 13, 2014**  
**Minutes**

Date and Time of Meeting: March 13, 2014 at 9:00 am

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

Place of Meeting: Nevada State Legislature Building  
401 So. Carson Street Room 2135  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Place of Video Conference: Grant Sawyer Office Building  
555 E. Washington Avenue Suite 4406  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

**Attendees**

**In Carson City, NV**

Elizabeth Aiello, DHCFP  
Chuck Damon, DHCFP  
Mary Gordon, DHCFP  
Catherine Green, Renown

Darrell Faircloth, DAG  
Adrienne Navarro, DHCFP  
Sherry Crance, ADSD

**In Las Vegas, NV**

Kimberly Shingles, DHCFP

## Introduction:

Ms. Marta Stagliano, Chief of Program Integrity, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP), opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Ms. Elizabeth Aiello, Deputy Administrator of the DHCFP and Mr. Darrell Faircloth, Senior Deputy Attorney General (DAG).

Ms. Stagliano – The notice for this public hearing was published on February 10, 2014 in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statute 422.2369.

### 1. Discussion and Proposed Adoption of Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 3200 - Hospice

Mr. Chuck Damon:

Revisions to MSM Chapter 3200 were made to coincide with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 42 part 418, Conditions of Participation updates. The Conditions of Participation are mandatory programmatic sections that define Hospice providers operations. The sections define initial and subsequent assessments, physician's determination and documentation of terminal illness, Plans of Care, Recipient's Rights, Quality Management, Infection Control and Clinical records. This revision includes the hospice physician's face-to-face examination and documentation requirements of the hospice patient at the 180<sup>th</sup> day and every subsequent election period. Throughout the chapter, grammar, punctuation, and capitalization changes were made, duplications removed, acronyms used and standardized, and language reworded for clarity. Renumbering and re-arranging of sections was necessary.

The effective date is April 1, 2014.

At the conclusion of Mr. Damon's presentation, Ms. Stagliano asked Ms. Aiello, Deputy Administrator, and Mr. Faircloth, Senior DAG, if they had any questions or comments.

Ms. Aiello's Comments:

- Ms. Aiello asked that in Section 3203.9.7 the words Advanced Directive be spelled out instead of the abbreviation AD.

Mr. Faircloth's Comments:

- Mr. Faircloth asked that on page 23, paragraph 6, that there be punctuation (a semi-colon) after the word profile.

Mr. Faircloth continued with a general question regarding the dialogue which discusses outpatient services. Specifically, please explain how these providers operate in the home setting vs. the facility? Are they ancillary services as provided by the facility? Or is there a separate provider that provides the services to the patient that happens to be in the facility?

Mr. Damon's Comments:

- Mr. Damon responded that it is under a cooperative agreement between the nursing facility and hospice itself; it is a mix of both nursing and hospice staff. Hospice recipients are directed by the hospice division as far as care and services for those patients.

### Public Comments:

- No Comments

Ms. Stagliano – Recommended the Deputy Administrator approve as amended: Section 3203.1B.7, leave in “stipulated in 42 CFR 489, Subpart I”; Section 3203.9.6, add semi colon to “A complete drug profile;” and Section 3203.9.7, spell out “AD” – Advanced Directives.

Ms. Aiello – Approved as amended.

Ms. Stagliano – Closed the Public Hearing for the MSM Chapter 3200 – Hospice.

## **2. General Public Comments**

- No Comments

### **Adjournment**

There were no further comments and Ms. Stagliano adjourned the public hearing at 9:37 am.

*\*An Audio (CD) version of this meeting is available through the DHCFP Administration office for a fee. For more detailed information on any of the handouts, submittals, testimony and or comments please contact Rita Mackie at [rmackie@dhcfp.nv.gov](mailto:rmackie@dhcfp.nv.gov) or you may call (775) 684-3681.*