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PUBLIC NOTICE TO SOLICIT COMMENT ON INTENT TO SUBMIT A STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO MODIFY PRIVATE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS FOR PRIVATE HOSPITALS

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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. Write "Proposed State Plan Amendment to Modify Private Upper Payment Limit Supplemental Payments for Private Hospitals" in the subject line.

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Division of Health Care Financing and Policy

ATTN: "Proposed State Plan Amendment to Modify Private Upper Payment Limit Supplemental Payments for Private 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 Upper Payment Limit (UPL) Supplemental Payments for Inpatient Hospital Services at Private Hospitals program. Beginning in State Fiscal Year 2024, private hospitals in Nevada began paying an assessment based on a percentage of net patient revenues. The assessment is used to fund the state share of costs for the Private UPL Supplemental Payment. Currently, freestanding psychiatric hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals, long-term acute care hospitals, and short-term acute care hospitals are eligible for the private UPL supplemental payment. Under the proposed changes, private critical access hospitals would also become eligible for the private UPL supplemental payment effective July 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, or at 1100 East William Street, Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

Overview:

In 2023, DHCFP submitted a State Plan Amendment to create a new Upper Payment Limit (UPL) Supplemental Payment for Inpatient Hospital Services at Private Hospitals. This State Plan Amendment was approved December 20, 2023, with an effective date of July 1, 2023. Under the existing State Plan language, freestanding psychiatric hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals, long-term acute care hospitals (LTACs), and short-term acute care hospitals (STACs) are eligible for the private UPL supplemental payments; however, critical access hospitals (CAHs) are excluded from receiving these supplemental

payments. Under the proposed SPA, private CAHs would also be eligible to receive UPL payments. Additionally, the revised State Plan Amendment language also specifies that all private hospitals must follow all policies and procedures deemed necessary by the state to ensure compliance with federal tax requirements. If hospitals do not comply with the necessary policies and procedures, payments may be denied or held until federal compliance is achieved. Please note this requirement applies to all types of private hospitals and is not limited to critical access hospitals.

Methodology:

There are no anticipated changes to how payments are made for freestanding psychiatric hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals, LTACs, or STACs. For private Critical Access Hospitals, each hospital will receive a payment equal to its non-negative proportional contribution to the aggregate difference between Medicaid payments (paid under all other existing payment methodologies in the State Plan) and the Upper Payment Limit for the respective class of hospitals.

Expected Expenditures: There is no anticipated impact to the State General Fund.

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 third 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, or at 1100 East William Street, Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

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