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Dear Betsy,

Thank you for the time you and Tammy Ritter took to hold the listening sessions and attend a special meeting with Nevada Hospital Association (NHA) members to discuss Medicaid Delivery Model Options for Nevada. As a follow up to our October 11 meeting, below is a summary of the feedback NHA members provided during that meeting:

1. Members voiced concern about the impacts that moving to a new delivery model might have on existing payment methods (i.e., supplemental payment programs for public and private hospitals, cost based payments for critical access hospitals, etc.). Members want to ensure that:
 - a. Nevada Medicaid maximizes its' ability obtain federal matching dollars.
 - b. Access to care for Medicaid is maintained and enhanced – without the supplemental funding to augment direct Medicaid payments, it is likely that there will be added financial pressure to limit services to remain viable.
2. Members voiced interest in improving the current delivery system and thought that this should occur prior to considering additional delivery models including:
 - a. Focus on network adequacy for both mental health and medical providers (for both pre- and post-acute care) to ensure Medicaid patients have timely access to the right level of care.
 - b. Ensure payer accountability as it relates to adequacy of network, appropriate utilization of hospitals services, and timely/fair claims adjudication.
3. Members' thoughts about Medicaid Delivery Options ranged from maintaining the current model to interest in further details about the accountable care and patient centered medical home models. In order to consider these new models there would need to be significant investment in infrastructure and data gathering to ensure all providers have timely access to adequate information that can assist them in their clinical decision making.

We appreciate your willingness to obtain input on this important topic and how we can improve the delivery of care to Medicaid recipients in Nevada. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Welch", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Bill Welch
President & CEO