

Medicaid Legislative Implementation Updates for Meetings of the MAC & BAC

Division of Nevada Medicaid

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Assembly Bill (AB) 36

What does AB36 do?

Requires that a provider submit a request for a hearing not later than 90 calendar days after an action has been taken, unless extenuating circumstances exist. This time frame already exists in Medicaid policy but is now part of Nevada law.

When is AB36 effective?

January 1, 2026

What is the status of implementation?

Nevada Medicaid is in the process of developing policy to explain the meaning of "extenuating circumstances". This policy change will be adopted at an upcoming Nevada Medicaid Public Hearing.



Assembly Bill (AB) 463

What does AB463 do?

Requires that Medicaid and Managed Care Organizations respond to Prior Authorization requests 2 business days after receiving the request.

When is AB463 effective?

January 1, 2026

What is the status of implementation?

Nevada Medicaid is making updates to its Prior Authorization processes under the fee-for-service and Managed Care delivery systems and researching how this law is impacted by the federal CMS Interoperability and Prior Authorization Final Rule (CMS-0057-F). Nevada Medicaid will be adopting changes to the Medicaid Services Manual related to Prior Authorization processing at a future public hearing.



Assembly Bill (AB) 514

What does AB514 do?

Adds coverage for Rehabilitative Residential Mental Health Care (RRMHC) services under Nevada Medicaid as a place to go for people with complex behavioral health needs before returning to their community.

When is AB514 effective?

January 1, 2026

What is the status of implementation?

Nevada Medicaid held a public workshop on October 14, 2025 to gather feedback from stakeholders (meeting agenda and materials can be found on our Workshops 2025 page). Nevada Medicaid is drafting a State Plan Amendment to be submitted for federal approval by the end of December 2025 and updates to the Medicaid Services Manual will be adopted at a future Public Hearing.



What does SB54 do?

Adds coverage for medical respite services for individuals experiencing homelessness.

When is SB54 effective?

July 1, 2027

What is the status of implementation?

Nevada Medicaid is working with a vendor to prepare and submit an 1115 Demonstration Waiver application to obtain federal approval for these services. As part of the 1115 Waiver process, Nevada Medicaid will be holding two public hearings prior to submitting the application, including a 30-day comment period. Updates will be provided at future MAC and BAC meetings.



What does SB185 do?

Allows family members to be paid for personal care provided to certain children with a chronic illness or disability.

When is SB185 effective?

January 1, 2027

What is the status of implementation?

Nevada Medicaid is researching what steps must be taken to add coverage for these services.



What does SB300 do?

Increases the amount Nevada Medicaid pays providers for certain medication administration for individuals with an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and expands certain providers that can provide services at a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).

When is SB300 effective?

July 1, 2025 for FQHC provider expansion and March 1, 2026 for rate increase

What is the status of implementation?

Nevada Medicaid has fully implemented the FQHC provider expansion and is drafting a State Plan Amendment for the rate increase.



What does SB389 do?

Requires that coverage of prescription drugs be managed by a single Pharmacy Benefit Manager for all Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) members.

When is SB389 effective?

January 1, 2030

What is the status of implementation?

Nevada Medicaid is in the very early stages of the process to find a vendor to become Nevada's PBM.



Helpful Links

The below links will help keep you up to date and informed of Nevada Medicaid's work on implementing various legislative bills and initiatives.

- Sign up for email notifications of new, initiatives, public meetings, and State Plan Amendments at:
 - https://dhcfp.nv.gov/Resources/NevadaMedicaidUpdate/NevadaMedicaidUpdate/
- Visit Nevada Medicaid's Public Notices and Meetings page at: https://dhcfp.nv.gov/Public/Home/
- View pending and approved State Plan Amendments at: https://dhcfp.nv.gov/Resources/AdminSupport/Manuals/MSP/SPA/SPA Home/



Questions?



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Add "Acronyms"

AB – Assembly Bill

BAC – Beneficiary Advisory Council

CMS – Centers for Medicare &

Medicaid Services

FQHC – Federally Qualified Health

Center

MAC – Medicaid Advisory

Committee

MSM - Medicaid Services Manual

NVHA – Nevada Health Authority

PCS – Personal Care Services

RRMHC - Rehabilitative Residential

Mental Health Care

SB – Senate Bill

SPA – State Plan Amendment