



**Notice of Meeting to Solicit Public Comments and Intent to Act
Upon Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services**

**Public Hearing August 25, 2020
Summary**

Date and Time of Meeting: August 25, 2020 at 9:10 AM

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

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Teleconference Attendees

Gabriel Lither, Deputy Attorney General (DAG)
DuAne Young, DHCFP
Cody Phinney, DHCFP
Sarah Lamb, DHCFP
Lori Follett, DHCFP
Debra Sisco, DHCFP
Holly Long, DHCFP
Lori Follett, DHCFP
Gina Callister, DHCFP
Ellen Flowers, DHCFP
Jamie Evins, DHCFP
Alexandria Cannito
Amy Miller-Bowan
Devan Seawright
Steve Alexander
Kerrie Kramer
Paige Barnes
Erin Russell
Chris Bosse
Julie Vinson
Erin Colgan
Carl Jeffery

Antonio Gudino-Vargas, DHCFP
Shanna Conn-Adams, DHCFP
Rebecca Vernon-Ritter DHCFP
Sean Alexander, DHCFP
Ellen Crecelius, DHCFP
Tiffany Lewis, DHCFP
Cindy Kirste, DHCFP
Robyn Gonzalez, DHCFP
Merideth Taylor, DHCFP
Michael Uva, DHCFP
Tammy Moffit, DHCFP
Jonathan McDowell
Beth Slamowitz
Shawna DeRousse
Brian Evans
Nancy Bowen
Erik Sanchez
Jenette Belz
Sarah Hunt
Jon Glover
Jimmy Lau
Bill Welch

1. **Introduction:**

DuAne Young, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP, opened the Public Hearing introducing himself, Cody Phinney, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP and Gabriel Lither, Deputy Attorney General (DAG)

DuAne. Young – The notice for this public hearing was published on July 17, 2020 in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 422.2369.

Public Comments

Bill Welch wanted to know if during this presentation can the DHCFP explain the difference from going from \$104,000,000 down to 76,000,000. He does not understand how going to 76,074,377.50 down to 75,496,676.47. Mr. Welch would like to understand the \$500 plus thousand-dollar differential was to cause this change.

DuAne. Young closed the public comments.

2. **Discussion of proposed Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and solicitation of public comments.**

Subject: Attachment 4.19-B, page 1e to amend the reimbursement methodologies for the following PT:

PT32 Ambulance, Specialty 249 Community Paramedicine
PT26 Psychologist
PT72 Nurse Anesthetist

Rebecca Vernon-Ritter summarized that the DHCFP is proposing an amendment to the Nevada Medicaid SPA, Attachment 4.19-B, pages 1e and 1e (continued). The changes consist of reinstating the reimbursement methodologies for Community Paramedicine services and Nurse Anesthetist.

The following PT's will be affected by this change; Community Paramedicine, PT 32, Specialty 249 and Nurse Anesthetist PT 72.

There is no anticipated change in annual aggregate expenditures.

The effective date has been revised from July 1, 2020 to July 18, 2020.

At the conclusion of Rebecca. Vernon-Ritter's presentation, DuAne. Young asked Cody. Phinney and Gabriel. Lither if they had any questions or comments and there were none.

There were no public comments.

DuAne. Young – Closed the Public Hearing for the SPA on Attachment 4 Attachment 4.19-B, page 1e.

3. Discussion and Possible Action: Proposed Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and solicitation of public comment

Subject: Supplemental Payment for Inpatient Hospitals

Sarah Lamb summarized Attachment 4.19-A, Page 32b: The DHCFP is proposing an amendment to the Nevada Medicaid State Plan that would allow the continuation of the supplemental payment program based on inpatient hospital utilization in order to preserve access to inpatient acute services through SFY 2021. This amendment will also decrease the total communitive payments in SFY 2021 compared to SFY 2020.

The following PT will potentially be affected by this change: Hospital, Inpatient (PT 11).

There is an estimated decrease in annual aggregate expenditures for SFY 2021 in the amount of 28,878,604.68.

The effective date of change is July 1, 2020.

In response to the public comment from Mr. Welsh. the total on the agenda was changed to update from a prior version of the calculation.

Cody. Phinney asked Sarah. Lamb if the current amount that is on this version of the agenda is correct.

Sarah. Lamb stated that this version was updated to revise that change.

Gabriel. Lither had no comments.

Public Comments:

Sarah Hunt from Nevada Hospital Association inquired what drove the decrease from the prior announcement to today's number. She also inquired as to how the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Participation (FMAP) was worked into the calculation.

Sarah. Lamb stated the driving changes were just updates to the calculations from the previous version which had been created a couple months ago.

With the enhanced FMAP funds, these are being retained to assist with the additional requirements based on Medicaid as a result to accepting additional funds. Which include additional case load and additional services that will be covered.

Sarah. Hunt followed up by wanting to know the amount for the last six months of 2020 that is being retained from the last FMAP

Sarah. Lamb stated that she did not have this total for today's hearing.

Sarah. Hunt asked DuAne. Young if this number can be provided.

DuAne. Young stated the division can provide this information.

Sarah. Hunt thanked DuAne. Young.

DuAne. Young – Closed the Public Hearing for the SPA on Attachment Supplemental Payment for Inpatient Hospitals.

4. **Discussion of proposed Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and solicitation of public comments**

Subject: 3.1 F Managed Care State Plan

Jamie Evins summarized that the DHCFP intends to submit a Medicaid State Plan Amendment at the request of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS has developed a new template for State Plan section 3.1-F – Conditions or Requirements of Managed Care and requested the DHCFP transfer our state plan to the newest version of the template.

The proposed changes affect all Medicaid-managed care contracted vendors; Anthem, Health Plan of Nevada, and Silver Summit Health Plan.

These changes are to 3.1-F pages 1-23.

These changes are expected to have no effect on the annual aggregate expenditures for State Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021.

The effective date of change is July 1, 2020.

Changes are as follows:

Page 4 includes clarification of requirements related to the public notice process for Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS).

Pages 6-14 include updated Population and Geographic Area tables in Section E. For the record, no populations or geographic areas were added or removed. Changes made were in the formatting and descriptions.

Item 3(d) on Page 14 includes a new check box assuring that all applicable requirements of 42 CFR 438.71 regarding developing and implementing a beneficiary support system that provides support to beneficiaries both prior to and after MCO enrollment will be met.

Section I on Pages 16-17 includes updates to the Table of Benefits for which the MCOs are responsible. Changes were to list out the State Plan Benefit and include the Medicaid State Plan Citation.

On Page 17, Community Centered Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) services and high-cost gene therapy drug, Zolgensma, have been identified as a carved out of Managed Care. Although carved out of managed care, these benefits are still available to members, they are just reimbursed through Fee for Services (FFS) Medicaid rather than the health plans. This change is to align with the current MCO contract.

Section K on Page 19 was reformatted from a narrative description to check boxes for assurances related to capacity, network adequacy, coordination and continuity of services.

This concludes the presentation of the State Plan Amendment for 3.1-F Conditions and Requirements for Managed Care.

DuAne. Young asked Cody. Phinney if she had any comments and she had none.

Gabriel. Lither inquired about the changes to the dental benefit program as was his understanding that this changes the state plan to allow flexibility in the way that those dental benefits may be administered going forward.

Jamie. Evins stated that she believes this is correct.

DuAne. Young – Closed the Public Hearing for the SPA 3.1 F Managed Care State Plan.

5. General Public Comments

DuAne. Young reiterated the Division collected all the questions asked today and will be developing a FAQs document and will make it available to the public as soon as it is published.

No Comments.

There were no further comments and DuAne. Young adjourned the public hearing at 9:20 AM.

****An Audio (CD) version of this meeting is available through the DHCFP Compliance office. For more detailed information on any of the handouts, submittals, testimony and or comments please contact Jenifer Graham at jenifer.graham@dncfp.nv.gov with any questions.***