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**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)

Place of Meeting: WebEx

**Teleconference and/or WebEx Attendees**

**(Note: This List May Not Include All Participants, Just Those Who Identified Themselves)**

Gabriel Lither, Senior Deputy Attorney General (SDAG)	Nancy Bowen, Nevada Primary Care Association
Jenette Belz, J.K. Belz and Associates	Jimmy Lau, Ferrari Public Affairs
Antonio Gudino-Vargas, DHCFP	Erin Colgan, AmeriHealth Caritas
Kerrie Kramer, Argentum Partners	Julie Vinson, AmeriHealth Caritas
DuAne Young, DHCFP	Shanna Cobb-Adams, DHCFP
Cody Phinney, DHCFP	Rebecca Vernon-Ritter DHCFP
Sarah Lamb, DHCFP	Sean Alexander, DHCFP
Lori Follett, DHCFP	Ellen Crecelius, DHCFP
Debra Sisco, DHCFP	Tiffany Lewis, DHCFP
Holly Long, DHCFP	Michael Uva, DHCFP
Lori Follett, DHCFP	Robyn Gonzalez, DHCFP
Gina Callister, DHCFP	Jaimie Evins, DHCFP
Ellen Flowers, DHCFP	Tammy Moffit, DHCFP
Alexandria Cannito	Jonathan McDowell
Amy Miller-Bowan	Beth Slamowitz
Carl Jeffery, OptumRx	Shawna DeRousse
Steve Alexander	Brian Evans
Devan Seawright	Ashley Jonkey
Paige Barnes	Erik Sanchez
Erin Russell	Steve Messinger
Chris Bosse	Sarah Hunt
Bill Welch	Jon Glover

**Introduction:**

DuAne Young, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP, opened the Public Hearing introducing himself, Cody Phinney, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP and Gabriel Lither, SDAG.

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 asked for an explanation that was covered in the presentation of the difference from going from \$104,000,000 to \$76,000,000. He also questioned what caused the change of \$76,074,377.50 to \$75,496,676.47. The response to his questions is addressed later in the agenda.

There were no other public comments.

DuAne Young closed the public comments.

### 1. Discussion of proposed Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and Solicitation of Public Comments

**Subject:** Attachment 4.19-B, Page 1e and 1e (continued) to amend the reimbursement methodologies for the following provider types (PTs): Ambulance, Specialty 249 Community Paramedicine (PT 32); Psychologist (PT 26); Nurse Anesthetist (PT 72)

Rebecca Vernon-Ritter summarized the DHCFP is proposing an amendment to the Nevada Medicaid State Plan Amendment (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 PTs will be affected by this change; Ambulance (PT 32) Specialty 249 Community Paramedicine 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 and 1e (continued).

### 2. 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 state fiscal year (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 the changes is July 1, 2020.

In response to the public comment from Bill 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, Nevada Hospital Association, asked what drove the decrease from the prior announcement to today's numbers. 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 updates to the calculations from the previous version created a few months ago. The enhanced FMAP funds are being retained to assist with the additional requirements based on Medicaid; which includes additional case load and services that will be covered.

Sarah Lamb stated that she did not have the total for the hearing today and asked DuAne Young if the numbers can be provided.

DuAne Young stated the Division can provide this information.

There were no further public comments.

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

**3. Discussion of proposed Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and Solicitation of Public Comments**

**Subject:** Attachment 3.1 F – Managed Care State Plan

Jaimie Evins said 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 Attachment 3.1-F – Conditions or Requirements of Managed Care and requested the DHCFP transfer the 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 found on Attachment 3.1-F, Pages 1 through 23.

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

The effective date of changes 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 through 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 Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) enrollment will be met.

Section I on Pages 16 and 17 includes updates to the Table of Benefits for which the MCOs are responsible. Changes list the State Plan Benefit and include the Medicaid State Plan Citation. 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 reimbursed through Fee-for-Services (FFS) Medicaid rather than the health plans. This change is to align with the current MCO contract.

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

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 it was his understanding that this changes the state plan to allow flexibility in the way dental benefits may be administered going forward.

Jaimie Evins stated that she believes this is correct.

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

#### **4. General Public Comments**

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

There were no further comments.

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](mailto:jenifer.graham@dncfp.nv.gov) with any questions.***