



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

**Public Hearing January 28, 2020
Summary**

Date and Time of Meeting: January 28, 2020 at 9:05 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: Nevada State Legislative Building
401 S. Carson Street, Room 3137
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Place of Video Conference: Grant Sawyer Office Building
555 E. Washington Avenue, Room 4412E
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Teleconference: (888) 363-4735

Access Code: 1961395

Additional number was given during the hearing.

Attendees

In Carson City, NV

Jodi Patton, DHCFP	DuAne Young, DHCFP
Cody Phinney, DHCFP	Erin Lynch, DHCFP
Serene Pack, DHCFP	Sheri Oswald, DHCFP
Sarah Dearborn, DHCFP	Holly Long, DHCFP
Antonio Gudino-Vargas, DHCFP	Sheila Hefin-Conour, DHCFP
Rebecca Vernon-Ritter, DHCFP	Melissa Laufer-Lewis, DHCFP
Jimmy Lau, Ferrari Public Affairs	Chris Bosse, Renown Health
Lori Mariluch, Renown Health	Bill M. Welch, Nevada Hospital Association (NHA)
Sarah Hunt, Nevada Hospital Association (NHA)	Leah Lamborn, Creative Consulting Solutions
Blayne Osborn, Nevada Rural Hospital Partners	Steven Messinger, Nevada Primary Care Association
Homa Woodrum, Deputy Attorney General (DAG)	
Kevin Schiller, Clark County, Assistant County Manager	

In Las Vegas, NV

Anya Earl, Specialized Alternatives for Families	Nichole Jackson, Apple Grove Foster Care Agency
Raelara Tilden, Apple Grove Foster Care Agency	Crystal Haro, Apple Grove Foster Care Agency
Michael Flynn, Bamboo Sunrise Foster Care	Dave Doyle, Family Focused Treatment Association

Jessica Halling, St. Jude's Ranch for Children
Shawna DeRousse, Health Plan of Nevada (HPN)
Ashley Cruz, Carrara Nevada
Jennifer Bevacqua, Eagle Quest

Megan Freeman, Division of Child and Family Services
Shelean Sweet, Health Plan of Nevada (HPN)
Caitlin Basye, Olive Crest

Introduction:

Ms. Jodi Patton, Chief of Operations, DHCFP, opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Mr. DuAne Young, Deputy Administrator of the DHCFP and Homa Woodrum, DAG.

Ms. Patton stated the notice for this public hearing was published on December 23, 2019 in accordance with 42 CFR 447.205.

This meeting was delayed with technical difficulties. As a result of these difficulties a new call-in number was supplied.

1. Public Comments

No Comments.

2. Discussion of Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and Solicitation of Public Comments

Subject: Anesthesia Codes and Corrections to Attachment 4.19-B, Page 1e

Ms. Rebecca Vernon-Ritter summarized the proposed revisions on Attachment 4.19-B, Pages 1, 1c, 1e and 1e (continued): Corrections need to be made to the Nevada Medicaid State Plan. The changes consist of correcting codes referenced for anesthesia occurrence-based codes and reinstating the reimbursement methodology for Community Paramedicine services and Nurse Anesthetist.

The following Provider Type (PT) will potentially be affected by this change: These proposed changes affect all Medicaid-enrolled providers delivering the services contained in the State Plan pages listed above. Those provider types include, but are not limited to: Outpatient Hospital (PT 12); Physician, M.D., Osteopath (PT 20); Ambulance, Air or Ground (PT 32) and Nurse Anesthetist (PT 72).

Estimated change in annual aggregate expenditures: No change in annual aggregate expenditures is anticipated.

The effective date is January 1, 2020.

At the conclusion of Ms. Vernon-Ritter's presentation, Ms. Patton asked Mr. Young and Ms. Woodrum if they had any questions or comments and there were none.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Patton closed the Public Hearing for the Anesthesia Codes and Corrections to Attachment 4.19-B, Page 1e.

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

Subject: Section 3; Attachment 3.1; Pages 6d and 7a

Ms. Serene Pack summarized the changes were made to allow five business days for prior authorization (PA) submissions for emergency admissions to inpatient psychiatric hospitals and/or general hospitals with psychiatric

units, instead of one business day, which will allow inpatient psychiatric hospitals extra time to get their prior authorization requests submitted in order to reduce instances of providers failing to submit the required documents in a timely manner. In addition, the main paragraph for 6d has been changed to reflect how it is written in 7a for clarity. Changes were also made to both pages for parity with inpatient psychiatric hospitals policy concerning prior authorization length in Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 400 – Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse Services, Section 403.9C, which allows for PA requests to be seven days in length.

The following PT will potentially be affected by this change: This proposed change affects all Medicaid-enrolled providers delivering emergency admissions for psychiatric hospital services which include, but are not limited to: Hospital, Inpatient (PT 11) and Psychiatric Hospital, Inpatient (PT 13).

Estimated change in annual aggregate expenditures: No change in annual aggregate expenditures is anticipated.

The effective date of change is February 1, 2020.

Mr. Young wanted to clarify that this is a SPA connected to a policy that will be heard later by Ms. Hefin-Conour.

Ms. Pack clarified that this is correct and will be discussed with MSM chapter changes.

Ms. Woodrum had no comments.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Patton closed the Public Hearing for Section 3; Attachment 3.1; Pages 6d and 7a.

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

Subject: 1915(i) State Plan Home and Community-Based Services Administration and Operation

Ms. Cody Phinney summarized the proposed revisions on 1915(i) State Plan Home and Community-Based Services Administration and Operation. This State Plan Amendment provides intensive in-home services and crisis stabilization services for Medicaid recipients that have been determined eligible through target group criteria established in this proposed State Plan Amendment. This criteria includes those individuals that are in foster care and have a diagnosis of severe emotional disturbance (SED).

The following PT will potentially be affected by this change. This includes but is not limited to Mental Health/Outpatient (PT 14) and Mental Health Rehabilitative Treatment Services/Non-Residential (PT 82).

Ms. Mellissa Laufer-Lewis summarized the estimated change in annual aggregate expenditures: An estimated increase in annual aggregate expenditures for:

SFY 2019: \$1,160,959.08 (April – June 2020):

To elaborate on this, the total cost includes \$210,000 of state general funds; \$205,000 of county funds for certified public expenditures for the in-home support with coaching; and approximately \$745,000 in federal funds.

SFY 2020: \$4,643,436.00 (July – June 2021):

The state general fund amounts to \$840,807; \$822,935 in county funds for certified public expenditures for the in-home support with coaching; and \$2,979,692 in federal funds.

The effective date of change is April 1, 2020.

Mr. Young wanted to clarify that Ms. Lewis did mention these are 2020 expenditures.

Ms. Woodrum had no comments.

Public comments from Mr. David Doyle. (Please see attached statement).

Mr. Kevin Schiller would like to put on record from the Clark County perspective that they are in support of this waiver. Clark County is appreciative of the State's effort on working on this.

This had been a work in progress for multiple years and it has been a challenge. He feels that the right steps have been taken in the right direction. The service survey is another step towards improving the quality of care for the specialized population.

Ms. Patton closed the Public Hearing for 1915(i) State Plan Home and Community-Based Services Administration and Operation.

5. Adjournment

There were no further comments and Ms. Patton adjourned the public hearing at 9:52 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 or (775) 684-3685 with any questions.***