



**Notice of Meeting to Solicit Public Comments and
Intent to Act Upon Amendments to the Medicaid
Services Manual (MSM)**

**Public Hearing March 30, 2021
Summary**

Date and Time of Meeting: March 30 at 9:00 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)

Jessica Kemmerer, DHCFP
Sia Dalacas, Deputy Attorney General (DAG)
DuAne Young, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP
Lori Follett, DHCFP
Jeffrey Murawsky, Silver Summit Health
Yvonne Vestal, DHCFP
Debra Sisco, DHCFP
Donald Binstock, Clark County Social Service
Amy Levin, Anthem

Abigail Bailey, DHCFP
Sarah Dearborn, DHCFP
Kindle Craig, Renown
Joy Cleveland, Anthem
Jennifer Atlas
Jason Engel, WestCare Foundation
Robyn Gonzalez, DHCFP
Lovia Larkin, Vitality Unlimited
Nicholas Osterman, Anthem

Introduction:

Jessica Kemmerer, HIPAA Privacy and Civil Rights Officer, DHCFP opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, DuAne Young, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP and Sia Dalacas, DAG.

Jessica Kemmerer – The notice for this public hearing was published on February 25, 2021 in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 422.2369.

1. Public Comment

There were none.

2. Discussion and proposed adoption of changes to MSM Chapter 400 – Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse Services

Abigail Bailey, Social Services Program Specialist II, DHCFP, presented on proposed changes to the MSM Chapter 400 – Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse Services.

The DHCFP is proposing revisions to MSM Chapter 400—Attachment C—Substance Abuse Agency Model (SAAM) Level of Care Grid. These revisions include, aligning psychotherapy session limitations with other behavioral health providers, updating service limitations for peer support services before prior authorization is required, and adding additional clarifying language for crisis intervention services for recipients receiving crisis intervention for a mental health crisis. These revisions will increase access to Level 1 Outpatient Services, decrease administrative burden on providers, and provide Nevadans with services desperately needed for those struggling with substance use disorder in a more timely manner. These changes allow recipients access to services when they are ready without providers having to obtain an initial prior authorization on Level 1 Outpatient services.

Throughout the chapter, grammar, punctuation and capitalization changes were made, duplications removed, acronyms used and standardized, and language reworded for clarity. Renumbering and re-arranging of sections was necessary.

Entities financially affected by this proposed change: All Medicaid-enrolled providers delivering substance use treatment services. Those provider types (PT) include, but are not limited to SAAM (PT 17) (Specialty 215).

Financial impact on Local Government: Unknown at this time.

The effective date of the proposed changes is March 31, 2021.

At the conclusion of Abigail Bailey's presentation, Jessica Kemmerer asked DuAne Young and Sia Dalacas if they had any questions or comments, and they had none.

There were no public comments.

Jessica Kemmerer recommended the Deputy Administrator approve the proposed changes to MSM Chapter 400 – Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse Services.

DuAne Young approved as submitted.

Jessica Kemmerer – Closed the Public Hearing for MSM Chapter 400 – Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse Services.

3. Adjournment

There were no further comments and Jessica Kemmerer adjourned the public hearing at 9:04 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.***