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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE PLAN FOR MEDICAID SERVICES

AGENDA

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

Place of Meeting: DHCFP
1100 E. William Street
Second Floor Conference Room
Carson City, Nevada 89701

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AGENDA

1. General Public Comments (Because of time considerations, the period for public comment by each speaker will be limited to three minutes. Public comment is encouraged to be submitted in advance in writing. This guidance applies for all periods of public comment referenced further in the agenda, such as those related to specific agenda items below.)
2. Discussion of proposed Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and solicitation of public comments

Subject: Applied Behavior Analysis services rendered by a Registered Behavior Technician

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy is proposing an Amendment to the Nevada Medicaid State Plan (SPA), Attachment 4.19-B, Pages 1b (continued) to amend the reimbursement methodology for Registered Behavior Technicians (RBTs). Under the proposed change, the existing reimbursement methodology would be amended to include updated wage information for RBTs and supervisory staff. The changes to the methodology would result in an equivalent hourly rate at or above \$52.00 per hour, as required by Senate Bill 96 of the 2021 Nevada Legislative Session.

The following Provider Type (PT) will potentially be affected by this change: This proposed reimbursement methodology change will affect Registered Behavior Technician (PT 85, Specialty 314).

Estimated change in annual aggregate expenditures: An estimated increase in annual aggregate expenditures for

SFY 2022:	\$1,019,791
SFY 2023:	\$4,815,248

The effective date of change is January 1, 2022.

a. Public comment regarding subject matter.

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

Subject: 1915(b) Waiver Renewal Application for the Pre-Ambulatory Health Plan

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy intends to submit a waiver renewal application for the services delivered under our dental benefits administrator. The waiver allows Nevada to waive the federal requirement to members having access to two entities. CMS has approved this waiver before, as Nevada’s membership is small, and would not support the necessity of two dental PAHPs. CMS requires under this type of waiver that the state demonstrate that members have access to an adequate dental network, are provided quality services, and that the program is cost effective compared to previously implemented delivery methods under managed care or fee-for-service.

The following contractors may be impacted, Liberty Dental. Additionally, dental providers under their negotiated networks could be impacted, PT 22 (all specialties).

No change in annual aggregate expenditures is anticipated.

The effective date of change is January 1, 2022.

a. Public comment regarding subject matter.

4. Discussion of proposed Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and solicitation of public comments. As a result of the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 256 and Senate Bill (SB) 420 during the 81st Legislative Session, the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy is proposing changes to the Nevada Medicaid State Plan to include Doulas as a new provider type., Doula services include education, emotional and physical support during pregnancy, labor, delivery, and postpartum period.

Subject: Attachment 3.1-A, Page 3a (continued)

The following Provider Types (PT) will potentially be affected by Doula Services:

Doula (provider type to be determined), PT 17-Special Clinics (including specialties, 180-Rural Health Clinics, 181-Federally Qualified Health Centers and 169-Licensed Birth Centers); PT 20-Physician, M.D., Osteopath, D.O.; PT 24-Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; PT 47-Indian Health Programs; PT 74-Nurse Midwives; and PT 77-Physician Assistants

The effective date of change is January 1, 2022.

a. Public comment regarding subject matter.

5. Discussion of proposed Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and solicitation of public comments. As a result of the 81st session of the Nevada Legislature (2021), Doula services will be added to Nevada Medicaid:

Subject: Attachment 4.19-B, Page 1d (continued) - Rate Methodology

The following Provider Types (PT) will potentially be affected by this change:

This is a new service being added to Nevada Medicaid and does not currently have a PT established.

Estimated change in annual aggregate expenditures: An estimated decrease in annual aggregate expenditures for:

SFY 2022:	(\$420,772)
SFY 2023:	(\$848,600)

Note that the figures are aggregate (meaning they include both state and federal shares) and that they are by State Fiscal Year; the CMS 179 form will require fiscal impact by Federal Fiscal Year.

The effective date of change is January 1, 2022

b. Public comment regarding subject matter.

6. Discussion of proposed Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and solicitation of public comments. As a result of the passage of AB 191 and SB 420 during the 81st Legislative Session, the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy is proposing changes to the Nevada Medicaid State Plan. The proposed changes will include a new provider type and policy language for Community Health Worker (CHW) services. CHWs will provide recipients culturally and linguistically appropriate health education for the prevention and management of chronic disease under the supervision of a Nevada Medicaid enrolled Physician, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician Assistant.

Subject: Attachment 3.1-A, Page 3a (continued)

The following Provider Type (PT) will potentially be affected by CHW:
Community Health Worker (provider type to be determined); PT 17-Special Clinics (including specialties, 180-Rural Health Clinics, 181-Federally Qualified Health Centers); PT 20-Physician, M.D., Osteopath, D.O.; PT 24-Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; PT 47-Indian Health Programs; PT 74-Nurse Midwives; and PT 77-Physician Assistants

The effective date of change is January 1, 2022.

a. Public comment regarding subject matter.

7. Discussion of proposed Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and solicitation of public comments. As a result of the 81st session of the Nevada Legislature (2021), Community Health Worker services will be added to Nevada Medicaid:

Subject: Attachment 4.19-B, Page 1d (continued) - Rate Methodology

The following Provider Types (PT) will potentially be affected by this change:
This is a new service being added to Nevada Medicaid and does not currently have a PT established.

Estimated change in annual aggregate expenditures: An estimated decrease in annual aggregate expenditures for:

SFY 2022: (\$299,486)

SFY 2023: (\$839,241)

Note that the figures are aggregate (meaning they include both state and federal shares) and that they are by State Fiscal Year; the CMS 179 form will require fiscal impact by Federal Fiscal Year.

The effective date of change is January 1, 2022

a. Public comment regarding subject matter.

8. Discussion of proposed Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and solicitation of public comments. As a result of the passage of AB 190 and SB 325 during the 81st Legislative Session, the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy is proposing changes to the Nevada Medicaid State Plan to include Registered Pharmacists as new provider type. The amendment will allow a Registered Pharmacist to bill for the dispensing of self-

administered hormonal contraceptives to any patient, and the prescribing, dispensing, and administration of drugs to prevent the acquisition of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), as well as ordering and conducting certain HIV laboratory tests.

Subject: Attachment 3.1-A, Page 3a (continued)

The following Provider Types (PT) will potentially be affected by Registered Pharmacist Services: Registered Pharmacist (provider type to be determined); PT 10-Outpatient Surgery; PT 11-Hospital, Inpatient; PT 12-Hospital, Outpatient; PT 16-Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities, Public; PT 17-Special Clinics; PT 19-Nursing Facility; PT 20-Physician, M.D., Osteopath, D.O.; PT 21-Podiatrist; PT 24-Advanced Practice Registered Nurse; PT 28-Pharmacy; PT 29-Home Health Agency; PT 46-Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Freestanding; PT 47-Indian Health Services and Tribal Clinics; PT 51-Indian Health Service Hospital, Inpatient (Tribal), PT 52-Indian Health Service Hospital, Outpatient (Tribal); PT 55-Transitional Rehabilitative Center, Outpatient; PT 56-Inpatient Rehabilitation and Long Term Acute Care (LTAC) Specialty Hospitals; PT 64-Hospice; PT 65-Hospice, Long Term Care; PT 68-Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities, Private; PT 72-Nurse Anesthetist; PT 75-Critical Access Hospital (CAH), Inpatient; PT 76-Audiologist; PT 77-Physician's Assistant; PT 78-Indian Health Service Hospital, Inpatient (Non-Tribal); and PT 79-Indian Health Service Hospital, Outpatient (Non-Tribal).

The effective date of change is January 1, 2022.

- a. Public comment regarding subject matter.
9. Discussion of proposed Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and solicitation of public comments. As a result of the 81st session of the Nevada Legislature (2021), Registered Pharmacists services will be added to Nevada Medicaid:

Subject: Attachment 4.19-B, Page 1d (continued)- Rate Methodology

The following Provider Types (PT) will potentially be affected by this change: This is a new service being added to Nevada Medicaid and does not currently have a PT established.

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

The effective date of change is January 1, 2022

- a. Public comment regarding subject matter.
10. Adjournment

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