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

AGENDA

Date of Publication: December 23, 2021

Date and Time of Meeting: January 25, 2022, at 9:00 AM

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
First Floor Conference Room
Carson City, Nevada 89701

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1. General Public Comments (Because of time considerations, the period for public comment by each speaker or organization will be limited to three minutes and speakers are urged to avoid repetition of comments made by previous speakers)
2. Discussion of proposed Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and solicitation of public comments

Subject: Medicaid State Plan 2.6 – Financial Eligibility

DHCFP is proposing updates to Medicaid State Plan Attachment 2.6-A Page 4b and 2.6-A Supplement 12. When determining the Community Spouse income allowance for individuals living in an institutionalized setting; Federal rules allow states the option of choosing to calculate the income allowance by using the applicable percentage of the official poverty level (set out in Section 1924(d)(3)(B) of the Social Security Act), a percentage greater than the applicable percentage of the official poverty level, or set at the maximum permitted by Section 1924(d)(3)(C) of the Social Security Act. The state is proposing to set the Community Spouse income allowance for individuals living in an institutionalized setting at the maximum permitted. This change will allow the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) to assign the Maximum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance to the community spouse once the institutionalized (or those considered to be institutionalized) spouse receives their personal needs allowance, without requiring a court-ordered spousal division of income. The maximum will be adjusted based on increases in the Federal Maximum each year.

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

This proposed change affects all Medicaid-enrolled providers delivering Home and Community Based Waiver Services for Frail Elderly and Physically Disabled. Those PTs include but are not limited to Frail Elderly (PT 48); Frail Elderly Adult Group Care (PT 57); Physically Disabled (PT 58); Assisted Living (PT 59).

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.

3. Adjournment

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Nevada Medicaid is unaware of any financial impact to other entities or local government due to this public hearing, other than as stated above.

PLEASE NOTE: Items may be taken out of order. Items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time. All public comment will be limited to three minutes.

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