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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 July 26, 2022 Summary

Date and Time of Meeting: July 26, 2022, at 10:00 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: DHCFP
1100 E. William Street
First Floor Conference Room
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Teleconference and/or Microsoft Teams Attendees

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

Gabriel Lither, Senior Deputy Attorney General (SDAG)	Lea Case, Belz & Case
Dr. Antonina Capurro, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP	Donalda Binstock, Clark County Social Services
Casey Angres, DHCFP	Alicia Roman, DHCFP
Kirsten Coulombe, DHCFP	Nicole R. Halcon, Centene Corporation
Michelyn Y. Domingo, Wellpoint	De
Carrie A. Greeley, Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD)	Roxanne Coulter, Centene Corporation
Abigail Bailey, DHCFP	Angelica Velazquez Arias, DHCFP
Mark Du, DHCFP	Lawrence Henry, Fidelis-Rx
Torii Hayes, Olive Crest	Dawn Zito, Accessible Space, Inc
Kyril Plaskon, DHCFP	Rianna White, Fidelis-Rx
Kindra Berntson, DHCFP	Melody Hall-Ramirez, DHCFP
Antonio Gudino-Vargas, DHCFP	Tyler Shaw, FRPA
Shelle Sponseller, Accessible Space, Inc	Marcia Tinberg, DHCFP
Maria Reyes, Fidelis-Rx	David Olsen, DHCFP
Jerry Kappeler, Accessible Space, Inc	Yvonne Vestal, DHCFP

Introduction:

Casey Angres, Manager of Division Compliance, DHCFP, opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Dr. Antonina Capurro, Deputy Administrator of DHCFP and Gabe Lither, SDAG.

Casey Angres – The notice for this public hearing was published on June 30, 2022, in accordance with Nevada Statute 422.2369.

1. **Public Comments:** No Comments
2. **Discussion of Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and Solicitation of Public Comments**

Subject: 1915 (i) Home and Community Based State Plan Option and Alternative Benefit Plan and Medicaid State Plan Section 3 – Attachment 3.1-I-1:

Kirsten Coulombe, Chief of Long-Term Services and Support (LTSS) Unit, DHCFP, presented DHCFP is proposing changes to the Nevada Medicaid State Plan to update the provider qualifications for Day Habilitation and Residential Habilitation services, as well as some minor changes to the quality improvement strategy under the 1915(i) Home and Community Based State Plan Option. Changes are also being proposed to the Alternative Benefit Plan. Multiple workgroups were held over a year period to discuss the provider qualification changes, as well as a public workshop that was held June 1, 2022. The provider qualifications for Day Habilitation are being changed. The Commissioned Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) certification will be replaced by the Brain Injury Fundamentals Certification through the Brain Injury Association of America. The proposal is to change brain injury fundamental certification which will be acquired through the Brain Injury Association of America. In addition, the change to Day Habilitation would have the license by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) through the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (BHCQC). The licensure would be Facility for Care of Adults During the Day. Residential Habilitation facilities will also have Commissioned Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), which will be replaced with the Brain Injury Fundamentals Certification through the Brain Injury Association of America. There will be a second licensure for Residential Rehabilitation through DPBH and BHCQC to be a Residential Facility for groups. The other change being made to the State Plan 1915(i) Attachment 3.1(i)1 are changes made to the Quality Improvement Strategies to improve the following with the state: Discovery activity such as updating to allow remote desk reviews, changing the sample size from 95% and 5% sample size to 10% review. The Monitoring Responsibilities are also being changed to add clarification to assure it is clear the monitoring responsibilities will be through the State Medicaid Quality Assurance Unit and the LTSS Unit; Remediation responsibilities were also updated to allow 90 days to remediate any issue or non-compliance issue. Page 36 has some minor clarifications made to the System Improvement section.

Changes to the Alternative Benefits Plan, Section 7, Essential Health Benefit: Rehabilitative and habilitative services align with changes made previously in March 2020. The source was updated for Adult Day Health as it was incorrect and was updated from a 1905(a) Authority to a 1915(i). The Universal Needs Assessment and physician evaluation were removed from the amount limit and changed to “none” as that assessment is no longer utilized. The duration limit was updated to 12 months.

Home Based Rehabilitation has been separated to two services: Day Habilitation and Residential Habilitation. The source reflects 1915(i) Authority, and it requires prior authorization, and the outdated Universal Needs Assessment was removed as well as the duration limit changed to 12 months. Both Day

Habilitation and Residential Habilitation are targeted to individuals who have a traumatic or acquired brain injury.

The following Provider Type (PT) affected by this change include Adult Day Health Care (PT 39) and Day and Residential Habilitation Services (PT 55).

These changes are expected to have no effect on the annual aggregate expenditures for State Fiscal Years (SFY) 2022 and 2023.

The effective date of change is July 1, 2022.

At the conclusion of Kirsten Coulombe's presentation, Casey Angres asked Dr. Antonina Capurro and Gabe Lither if they had any questions or comments, they had none.

Public Comments: There were none.

Casey Angres – Closed the Public Hearing Medicaid State Plan Section 3 – Attachment 3.1-I-1 and Alternative Benefit Plan Section 7.

3. Adjournment

There were no further comments and Casey Angres closed the public hearing at 10:11 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 documentcontrol@dncfp.nv.gov with any questions.***