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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 October 25, 2022 Summary

Date and Time of Meeting: October 25, 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)	Kaelyne Day, DHCFP
Karen A. Griffin, SDAG	Christie Horsley, DHCFP
Casey Angres, DHCFP	Becky Gonzales, ViiV Healthcare
Katie Ryan, Dignity Health	David Olsen, DHCFP
Loretta Cook, DHCFP	Michelyn Y. Domingo, Wellpoint
Briza Virgen, DHCFP	Antonio Gudino-Vargas, DHCFP
Vickie S. Ives, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)	Jessica Ward, Renown
Jessica Vannucci, DHCFP	Kristina Kleist
Gladys Cook, DHCFP	Donna Laffey
Lea Case, Belz & Case	Kindra Berntson, DHCFP
Cindy Glass, DHCFP	Ravae Backe, Renown
Lauren Vessie, Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD)	Angelia Velazquez Arias, DHCFP
Stephanie Sadabseng, DHCFP	Monica Schiffer, DHCFP
Abigail Bailey, DHCFP	Lily Reyes, Renown
Jessica Roew, ADSD	Vanessa Rahme, DHCFP
Sandie Ruybalid, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP	De
Rossana Dagdagan, DHCFP	Kendall Lyons, Children's Advocacy Alliance
Kagan Griffin, DPBH	Erin Lynch, DHCFP
Heather Lazarakis, DHCFP	Cimanique Neal, Lucina Analytics
	Ryan Studebaker,

Introduction:

Casey Angres, Manager of Division Compliance, DHCFP, opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Sandie Ruybalid, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP and Karen A. Griffin, SDAG.

Casey Angres – The notice for this public hearing was published on September 22, 2022, in accordance with Nevada Statute 422.2369 and revised on October 17, 2022.

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

Subject: Presumptive eligibility for pregnant women.

Briza Virgen, Social Services Chief of Medical Programs Unit (MPU), DHCFP, presented the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) and DHCFP proposed changes to the Nevada Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) to comply with Assembly Bill (AB) 189 and Senate Bill (SB) 420 during the 81st Legislative Session (Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 422). This bill allows qualified providers to determine Medicaid presumptive eligibility for pregnant women and is effective until the last day of the month immediately following the month of enrollment.

An estimated increase in annual aggregate expenditures for state fiscal years (SFY):

SFY 2023:	\$941,738
SFY 2024:	\$2,830,500

The following Provider Types (PT) may be affected by this change, but not limited to: Special Clinics (PT 17) including Family Planning (Specialty 166), Birthing Centers (Specialty 169), Rural Health Clinics (Specialty 180), Federally Qualified Health Centers (Specialty 181), Physician Services M.D., Osteopath, D.O., with an obstetrics specialty (PT 20), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (PT 24), Indian Health Services (PT 47), Nurse Midwife (PT 74) and Physician’s Assistant (PT 77).

The effective date for this SPA is January 1, 2023, pending CMS approval.

At the conclusion of Briza Virgen’s presentation, Casey Angres asked Sandie Ruybalid and Karen Griffin if they had any questions or comments, they had none.

Public Comments: There were none.

Casey Angres – Closed the Public Hearing for Presumptive eligibility for pregnant women.

- 3. **Discussion of Proposed Changes to the Medicaid State Plan**

Subject: Removing required 5-year residency in the United States for pregnant women Medicaid coverage

- 4. Briza Virgen, Social Services Chief of Medical Programs Unit (MPU), DHCFP, presented the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) and DHCFP proposed changes to the Nevada Medicaid SPA to

comply with AB 189 and SB 420 during the 81st Legislative Session (NRS 422). This bill removes the requirement that a lawful resident, non-citizen pregnant woman must reside in the United States for a prescribed period of time (currently set at a 5-year bar) before enrolling in Medicaid.

An estimated increase in annual aggregate expenditures for SFY:

SFY 2023:	\$79,629
SFY 2024:	\$239,332

This SPA is related to eligibility and may make more recipients eligible for Medicaid but does not affect any PTs.

The effective date for this SPA is January 1, 2023, pending CMS approval.

At the conclusion of Briza Virgen’s presentation, Casey Angres asked Sandie Ruybalid and Karen Griffin if they had any questions or comments, they had none.

Public Comments: There were none.

Casey Angres – Closed the Public Hearing for waiving pregnant women from the 5-year bar when lawfully residing in the United States to receive Medicaid coverage.

5. Adjournment

There were no further comments and Casey Angres closed the public hearing at 10:06 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.***