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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 December 27, 2022 Summary

Date and Time of Meeting: December 27, 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	Heather Lazarakis, DHCFP
Antonina Capurro, Deputy Administrator DHCFP	Keith Benson, DHCFP
Suzanne Bierman, Administrator DHCFP	Sarah Dearborn, DHCFP
Casey Angres, DHCFP	Antonio Gudino-Vargas, DHCFP
Rossana Dagdagan, DHCFP	Melissa Medera, DHCFP
Monica Schiffer, DHCFP	Melissa Laufer Lewis, DHCFP
David Olsen, DHCFP	Catherine Vairo, DHCFP
Marcel Brown, DHCFP	Jeffery Stroup, DHCFP
Russel Steele, DHCFP	Michael Gorden, DHCFP
Cindy Kirste, DHCFP	Monica Schiffer, DHCFP
Briza Virgen, DHCFP	Jared Davies, DHCFP
Kimberly Adams, DHCFP	Lori Follett, DHCFP
Cynthia Leech, DHCFP	Kirsten Coulombe, DHCFP
April Coughron, DHCFP	Lynette Aaron, DHCFP
Robin Ochsenschlager, DHCFP	Kyril Plaskon, Information Officer DHCFP
Stacie Weeks, Deputy Administrator DHCFP	Yvonne Vestal, DHCFP
Kindra Berntson, DHCFP	Jessica Crouch, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS)
Erin Lynch, DHCFP	Vickie Ives, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)
Gladys Cook, DHCFP	Lindsey Wood-Lopez, DPBH
Theresa Carsten, DHCFP	Eileen Hough, DPBH
Alicia Roman, DHCFP	
Cecilia Chavez, DHCFP	

Megan Messerly, Politico
James Wadhams, Black Wadhams Law
Amy Shogren, Black Wadhams Law
Jesse Wadhams, Black Wadhams Law
Stephanie Berry, AHIP
Samantha Sato, Carrara Nevada
Lea Case, Belz & Case
Vanessa Dunn, Belz & Case
Jeanette Belz, Belz & Case
Sarah Adler, Belz & Case
Tiffany Saunder-Newey, Anthem (ANT)
Vimal Asokan, ANT
Luke Lim, ANT
Joy Cleveland, ANT
Alyssa Drucker, Gainwell Technologies (GWT)
Susan Harrison, GWT
Jennifer Ripley, Nevada Aging and Disability Services
Division (ADSD)
Sheila Garner, ADSD
Shawna DeRousse, Health Plan of Nevada (HPN)
Ryan Bitton (HPN)

Linda Anderson, Nevada Public Health Foundation
(NPHF)
Maeve Dwyer, PLUS Communications
Mark Rosenberg, Fildelis Rx
Tray Abney, Abney Tauchen Group
Martin Fitzgerald, New Day Nevada
Patrick Kelly, Nevada Hospital Association (NHA)
Alex Tanchek, Silver State Government Relations
Amanda Brazeau
De
Devan Seawright
Teresa
David Goldwater
Cynthia Alejandre
Betti Magney
Catherine
Lovia Larkin
Maria Thorbourne
Carissa Pearce
Lea Tauchen
William Mack
Ashley Jonkey

Introduction:

Casey Angres, Manager of Division Compliance, DHCFP, opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Dr. Antonina Capurro, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP, and Gabriel Lither, Senior Deputy Attorney General.

Casey Angres – The notice for this public hearing was published on December 2, 2022, and revised on December 20, 2022, in accordance with Nevada Statute 422.2369.

- 1. Public Comments:** Lea Case, on behalf of the Children’s Advocacy Alliance went on record in support of the proposed changes. The Children’s Advocacy Alliance hopes that there are plans to expand the 12-month continuous eligibility to children on Medicaid, and to help reduce the churn of children on and off Medicaid who lose access to care, providers, and medication.

Casey thanked Lea for her comment and asked if there were any other comments. There were none.

- 2. Discussion of Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and Solicitation of Public Comments**

Subject: 12-Month Continuous Eligibility Exceptions to Federally Accepted Exceptions

Jessica Crouch, Social Services Program Specialist, DWSS, presented Section CS27 of the Nevada Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA) has been revised to remove the existing state-specific exceptions to the 12-month continuous eligibility provision.

The federally recognized exceptions to Nevada’s 12-month continuous eligibility provision are as follows: the child attains the age specified by the state Agency or age 19; the child or child’s representative

requests a voluntary disenrollment; the child is no longer a resident of the state; the Agency determines that eligibility was erroneously granted at the most recent determination or renewal of eligibility because of agency error or fraud, abuse, or perjury attributed to the child or the child's representative; the child dies, the child becomes eligible for Medicaid, and failure to pay premiums

An estimated increase in annual aggregate expenditures for state fiscal years (SFY): There are no changes anticipated.

The following Provider Types (PT) may be affected by this change, but not limited to: There are no PTs affected as this is an eligibility update and not service and/or provider related.

The effective date for this SPA is February 1, 2023.

At the conclusion of Jessica Crouch's presentation, Casey Angres asked Dr. Capurro and Gabriel Lither if they had any questions or comments, they had none.

Public Comments: There were none.

Casey Angres – Closed the Public Hearing for 12-Month Continuous Eligibility Exceptions.

3. 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.***