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**Notice of Meeting to Solicit Public Comments and Intent to Act Upon Amendments to the
Medicaid Services Manual (MSM)**

**Public Hearing July 25, 2023
Summary**

Date and Time of Meeting: July 25, 2023, at 10:19 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)

Karen A. Griffin, Senior Deputy Attorney General	Catherine Vairo, DHCFP
Sandie Ruybalid, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP	Catlyn Millis
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Philip Clark
Regina De Rosa
Renee Onyeagbako
Ryan Roa, Merck
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Steven Brotman
Susan Harrison
Susan Lingelbach, NOTA
Susana Angel, DHCFP
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Introduction:

Casey Angres, Chief of Division Compliance, DHCFP, opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Sandie Ruybalid, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP, and Karen Griffin, Senior Deputy Attorney General.

Casey Angres – The notice for this public hearing was published on June 22, 2023, and revised on July 20, 2023, in accordance with Nevada Statute 422.2369.

- 1. Public Comments:** There were none.
- 2. Discussion and Proposed Adoption and Changes to MSM 400**

Subject: MSM Chapter 400 – Mental Health and Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services

Sarah Dearborn, Behavioral Health Unit Chief, DHCFP, presented the adoption for the proposed changes to MSM Chapter 400 – Mental Health and Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services to align with the 1115 Substance Use Disorder Demonstration Waiver titled “Nevada’s Treatment of Opioid Use Disorders and Substance Use Disorders Transformation Project”. Within the proposed changes, DHCFP will also remove stigmatizing and outdated language, which includes a chapter name change and will remove tools and services no longer utilized. For recipients ages 22-64, “Nevada’s Treatment of Opioid Use Disorders (OUDs) and Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) Transformation Project” 1115 waiver allows for reimbursement of American Society of Addition Medicine (ASAM). Levels 3.1, 3.2, 3.5, 3.7, and 4.0 substance use and withdrawal management services within an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) setting through December 31, 2027.

In order to remove stigmatizing language, throughout the chapter, the word “abuse” is replaced by “use,” and “detoxification” is replaced by “withdrawal management.” The title of MSM Chapter 400 will be updated from “Mental Health and Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services” to “Mental Health and Alcohol and Substance Use Services.” Organization names will remain unchanged at this time, for example: the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will not be updated at this time.

To point out the specific policy changes to support the approval of the 1115 Substance Use Disorder Waiver, in Section 403.10(A) – Coverage and Limitations for Alcohol/Substance Use Withdrawal Management and Treatment Services Policy, 1115 Substance Use Disorder Waiver explanation language was added to indicate the waiver authority substance use treatment services are now reimbursable for Medicaid eligible individuals ages 22-64.

In Section 403.10(1)(A)(B) – Coverage and Limitations, duplicative language was removed and clarifying language was added for documentation of recipient’s inpatient medical hospital records. Under subsection C, as well as Section 403.10(B)(2), DHCFP corrected and updated outdated chapter references.

Section 403.10(C) – Recipient Responsibilities, expectation of recipients to participate in treatment and service plans were added.

403.10(D) – Authorization Process, DHCFP removed outdated program language and added description of the 1115 Substance Use Disorder Waiver. Residential Treatment Center (RTC) language and Patient Liability Section were removed as they are not applicable to this section.

In the Substance Use Agency Model Policy (SUAM), Attachment B, incorrect chapter references were updated. Under Section D – Provider Requirements, provider requirements to meet current policy understanding was revised and prohibited services in an Institution for Mental Diseases language was removed.

In SUAM, Attachment B, Section H(1), invalid screenings were removed and corrected screening names were updated.

SUAM, Attachment B, Section H(4) – Level 3 services were reworded to align with the 1115 Substance Use Disorder Waiver.

Levo Alpha Acetylmethadol (LAAM) was removed as it is no longer in use in SUAM, Attachment B, Section H(6)

Certain non-covered services were removed as they will now be allowable under the 1115 Substance Use Disorder Waiver in SUAM, Attachment B, Section H(7).

In the Level of Care Grid in the SUAM, Attachment C, 1115 Substance Use Waiver explanation language was added and outdated language was removed in Levels 3 and 4 services.

In SUAM, Attachment D – Institution for Mental Disease, 1115 Substance Use Disorder Waiver explanation was added.

These proposed changes affect all Medicaid enrolled providers delivering substance use treatment services outlined in MSM Chapter 400. Those Provider Types (PTs) include but are not limited to Hospital, Inpatient (PT 11), Psychiatric Hospital, Inpatient (PT 13), and Substance Use Agency Model (SUAM) (PT 17, Specialty 215).

There is no known financial impact on local government at this time.

The effective date of these changes is October 1, 2023.

At the conclusion of Sarah Dearborn'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.

Sandie Ruybalid approved the changes, pending spelling and grammar checks.

3. Adjournment

There were no further comments and Casey Angres closed the Public Hearing at 10:29 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.***