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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 October 31, 2023**

#### **Summary**

Date and Time of Meeting: October 31, 2023, at 9:38 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)**

Malinda Southard, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP  
Gabriel D. Lither, Senior Deputy Attorney General  
Casey Angres, DHCFP  
Evette Cullen, DHCFP  
Jeffrey Stroup, DHCFP  
Lisa Dyer, DHCFP  
Monica Schiffer, DHCFP  
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Marcel Brown, DHCFP  
Shawna Derosse, United Healthcare (UHC)  
Seth Wray, UHC  
Ferrari Reeder Public Affairs (FRPA)  
Robert  
April Caughron, DHCFP  
Areli Alarcon  
Stephen Samiotes, DHCFP  
Abigail Bailey, DHCFP  
Tanya Benitez, DHCFP  
Kimberly Adams, DHCFP

Sean Linehan, DHCFP  
Stephanie Sadabseng, DHCFP  
Candace McClain-Williams, DHCFP  
Sean Linehan, DHCFP  
Carin Hennessey, DHCFP  
Robert Taggart, Maxim Healthcare Services  
Brooke Gruger, Liberty Dental Plan  
LaTanya McNair, Elevance Health  
Cyndi L. Smith, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)  
Giovanni Margaroli  
Dominic Gaon, Anthem  
Dylan Shaver  
Dan Musgrove, Strategies 360  
Marlene Lockard  
Elizabeth Scott, DHCFP  
Melody Hall-Ramirez, DHCFP  
Francisco Morales  
Nancy Kuhles

Elyse Monroy-Marsala, Belz & Case  
Travis Walker  
Brandon Ford, Silver State Health  
Jessica Mandoki, DHCFF  
Lisa Collier, Community Health Alliance (CHA)  
Brandee  
David Drzewiecki, Absolute Dental  
Catherine Morrison, Max Health  
Joy Thomas, Anthem  
Nancy J. Bowen, Nevada Primary Care Association  
(NVPCA)  
Tricia Schares, Liberty Dental  
Jessica Long, NeuroRestorative  
Patrick Kelly, Nevada Hospital Association (NHA)  
Holly Long  
Jessica Fry, Consumer Direct Care  
Keith Benson, DHCFF  
Keri Kelley, Silver Summit Health (SSH)  
Jenny Claypool, Healthy Communities Coalition of  
Lyon & Storey Counties (HCCLSC)  
Cody Wagner, HCCLSC  
Stephanie Fitch, Consumer Direct Care  
Evelyn Ortiz, Consumer Direct Care  
Areli Alarcon  
A Gregg  
Amy Levin, MD, Anthem  
Sarah, Cusson, Mercer  
Susan Waschevski  
Mark Rosenberg, Fidelis-Rx  
Mary Gilbertson, UCare  
Sandra Stone, Division of Child and Family Services  
(DCFS)

Rachael Devine, DHCFF  
Jennifer Wheeler  
Chris Bosse, Renown  
Rogie Arellano, DHCFF  
Laurie Curfman, Liberty Dental Plan  
Katie Andrew, Liberty Dental  
Bre Stark, Liberty Dental  
Alex Tanchek - Silver State Government Relations  
Serene Pack, DHCFF  
Misty  
Jay Kolbet-Clausell, Nevada Community Health Worker  
Association (NVCHWA)  
Sarah Adler, Belz & Case  
Steve Messenger, Nevada Primary Care Association  
Susana Angel, DHCFF  
Kirsten Coulombe, DHCFF  
Andrew Tarab, Liberty Dental  
Lisa J. Bogard, Anthem  
Francisco J. Morales-Sánchez, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck  
Oscar Delgado, Community Health Alliance (CHA)  
Kirstin Kramer, CHA  
Cody Hoskins, Service Employees International Union  
(SEIU)  
Helen Foley, Public Affairs  
Christy Nguyen, Fidelis-RX  
Erik Schoen  
Theresa Carsten, DHCFF  
Vickie S. Ives, DPBH  
Dawn Lyons, Nevada Aging and Disability Services  
Division, ADSD

### **Introduction:**

Casey Angres, Chief of Division Compliance, DHCFF, opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Malinda Southard, Deputy Administrator, DHCFF, and Gabriel Lither, Senior Deputy Attorney General.

Casey Angres – The notice for this public hearing was published on September 28, 2023, and revised on October 16, 2023, in accordance with Nevada Statute 422.2369.

- 1. Public Comments:** There were none.
- 2. Discussion and Proposed Adoption and Changes to MSM 600**

**Subject: MSM Chapter 600, Section 603.14C – Physician Services**

Stephanie Sadabseng, Social Services Program Specialist in the Medical Benefits Coverage Unit, DHCFP, presented a Nevada Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) update is being proposed to add language to MSM 600 – Physician Services, Section 603.14C, Provider’s Services in Other Medical Facilities, indicating pediatric cancer and pediatric rare disease providers are allowed to provide services in a clinic setting to treat children for cancer and rare disease types as medically necessary.

The effective date of this new policy is November 1, 2023.

At the conclusion of Stephanie Sadabseng’s presentation, Casey Angres asked Malinda Southard and Gabriel Lither if they had any questions or comments, they had none.

**Public Comments:** There were none.

Malinda Southard approved the changes, pending spelling and grammar checks.

Casey Angres – Closed the Public Hearing for proposed adoption and changes to MSM Chapter 600, Section 603.14C –Physician Services.

**3. Discussion and Proposed Adoption and Changes to MSM 600**

**Subject: MSM Chapter 600, Section 603.3 – Physician Services**

Evette Cullen, Chief of the Medical Benefits Coverage Unit, DHCFP, advised pursuant to the passing of Senate Bill (SB) 280 during the 82<sup>nd</sup> 2023 Legislative Session, Nevada MSM Chapter 600 - Physician Services, Section 603 updates will allow injectable contraception or insertion of certain long-acting reversible contraception (LARCs) to be administered immediately after giving birth if requested by a patient.

This proposed policy update may affect the following Provider Types (PT), including but not limited to: Physicians (PT 20).

The effective date of this new policy is November 1, 2023.

At the conclusion of Evette Cullen’s presentation, Casey Angres asked Malinda Southard and Gabriel Lither if they had any questions or comments, they had none.

**Public Comments:** There were none.

Malinda Southard approved the changes, pending spelling and grammar checks.

Casey Angres – Closed the Public Hearing for proposed adoption and changes to MSM Chapter 600, Section 603.3 –Physician Services.

**4. Discussion and Proposed Adoption and Changes to MSM 600**

**Subject: MSM Chapter 600, Section 605 – Physician Services**

Evette Cullen, Chief of the Medical Benefits Coverage Unit, DHCFP, presented pursuant to the passing of SB 117 during the 82<sup>nd</sup> 2023 Legislative Session, Nevada MSM Chapter 600 - Physician Services, Section 605 is being revised to update the allowable providers who may supervise Community Health Workers (CHW). Additional providers to include Dentists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW), Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT), Clinical Professional Counselors, Nurse Anesthetists, and Nurse Midwives are being proposed to be allowed to supervise CHWs.

This proposed policy update may affect the following PTs, including but not limited to: Dentist (PT 22), Licensed Clinical Social Worker (PT 14, Specialty 302), Licensed Marriage Family Therapist (PT 14, Specialty 306), Clinical Professional Counselor (PT 14, Specialty 307), Nurse Midwife (PT 74), and Nurse Anesthetist (PT 72).

The effective date of this new policy is November 1, 2023, pending CMS approval of the State Plan Amendment (SPA) made in relation to this policy update.

At the conclusion of Evette Cullen's presentation, Casey Angres asked Malinda Southard and Gabriel Lither if they had any questions or comments, they had none.

**Public Comments:** There were none.

Malinda Southard approved the changes, pending spelling and grammar checks.

Casey Angres – Closed the Public Hearing for proposed adoption and changes to MSM Chapter 600, Section 605 –Physician Services.

## 5. **Discussion and Proposed Adoption and Changes to MSM 600**

### **Subject: MSM Chapter 600, Section 608 – Physician Services**

Stephanie Sadabseng, Social Services Program Specialist in the Medical Benefits Coverage Unit, DHCFP, advised as a result of the passage of SB 163 during the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session, a Nevada MSM update is being proposed to MSM Section 600 – Physician Services, Section 608, Gender Reassignment Services.

Gender incongruence has been added as a covered condition for treatment services along with a definition as defined by the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH). Gender incongruence describes a marked and persistent experience of an incompatibility of gender identity and the gender expected based on birth assigned sex.

Non covered services under Section D have been updated, removing itemized list of cosmetic procedures not covered, and inputting language that cosmetic surgery not deemed medically necessary will not be a covered benefit.

The effective date of this new policy is November 1, 2023.

At the conclusion of Stephanie Sadabseng's presentation, Casey Angres asked Malinda Southard and Gabriel Lither if they had any questions or comments, they had none.

**Public Comments:** There were none.

Malinda Southard approved the changes, pending spelling and grammar checks.

Casey Angres – Closed the Public Hearing for proposed adoption and changes to MSM Chapter 600, Section 608 –Physician Services.

## **6. Adjournment**

There were no further comments and Casey Angres closed the Public Hearing at 9:48 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@dhcp.nv.gov](mailto:documentcontrol@dhcp.nv.gov) with any questions.***