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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT COMMENT AND INTENT TO ADOPT TEMPORARY REGULATIONS

Public Hearing January 20, 2023 Summary

Date and Time of Meeting: January 20, 2023, at 11:36 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	Frederick Gibison, Mercer
Stacie Weeks, Administrator DHCFP	Michelyn Y. Domingo, Anthem
Lynette Aaron, Acting Deputy Administrator, DHCFP	Samantha Sato, Carrara Nevada
Casey Angres, DHCFP	Dorothy A. Edwards, Washoe Behavioral Health
Charles Olander, Ferrari Reeder Public Affairs (FRPA)	Joy Cleveland, Anthem
Amy Levin, MD, Anthem	Charles Greenberg
Chris Bosse, Renown	Michael Willden
Mark Rosenberg	

Introduction:

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

Casey Angres – The notice for this public hearing was published on December 13, 2022, and the meeting was rescheduled on January 13, 2023, in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes 233B.061.

- 1. Public Comments:** No Comments
- 2. Discussion and Proposed Amendments to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC)**

Subject: NAC Chapter 422.105 and 422.115, Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Program

Lynnette Aaron, Acting Deputy Administrator, DHCFP, presented changes are being made to Chapters 422.105 and 422.115 to bring the proposed regulations in compliance with the Nevada State Plan.

Chapter 422.105 revises the methodology to allow the DSH program to be maximized by the 1 cent ad valorem tax that is defined in Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 428.285.

Chapter 422.115 redefines the percentage allocations for each pool of hospitals. Pool A is being reduced to 32.46%, Pool B is being increased to 9.49%, Pool C is being increased to 32.90%, Pool D is being increased to 5.90%, and Pool E is being increased to 19.25%.

For background on how DHCFP was able to calculate those percentages, the intent of these changes was to minimize any redistribution. Historically, Pool A has had the largest redistributions and DHCFP wants to minimize overpayments for them as well as other hospitals. In order to make this change, DHCFP wants to ensure that Pools B through E did not have any reduction in their estimated DSH that would be approved for state fiscal year (SFY) 2023.

To do that, DHCFP looked at the current 1 cent ad valorem collections and grossed that up by the federal share and then determined what percentage would be appropriate to maintain all the hospitals at the prior percentage payment level. The intent is to hold Pools B through E harmless since there should be no impact on these hospitals.

At the conclusion of Lynnette's presentation, Casey Angres asked Stacie Weeks and Gabriel Lither if they had any questions or comments, they had none.

Public Comments: There were none.

Casey Angres asked the Administrator to adopt the proposed changes to NAC Chapter 422.105 and 422.115.

Stacie Weeks approved the changes.

Casey Angres closed the hearing for Amendments to NAC Chapter 422.105 and 422.115.

3. Adjournment

There were no further comments and Casey Angres closed the public hearing at 11:39 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.***