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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 February 29, 2024
Summary**

Date and Time of Meeting: February 29, 2024, at 1:31 PM

Name of Organization: State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFTP)

Place of Meeting: DHCFTP
1100 E. William Street
Second 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, DHCFTP
Karen Griffin, Senior Deputy Attorney General
Casey Angres, DHCFTP
Marcel Brown, DHCFTP
Kaelyne Day, DHCFTP

Stephanie Sadabseng, DHCFTP
Jason Douglas, Novo Nordisk
Shawna Derosse, United Healthcare (UHC)
Mary Gilbertson, UCare
Jason Embra, Molina Health Care (MHC)
Sim Wimbush
Maria Uribe, DHCFTP
Regina C. De Rosa, Anthem
Steve Messinger, Nevada Primary Care Association (NVPCA)

Carin Fox Hennessey, DHCFTP
Catherine Vairo, DHCFTP
Seth Wray, United Healthcare (UHC)
Kodi Dettling, Healthy Communities Coalition
Kavin Young
Jay Kolbet-Clausell, Nevada Community Health Worker Association (NVCHWA)
Alex Tanchek, Silver State Government Relations
Arelí Alarcon
Cody Wagner, Healthy Communities Coalition of Lyon and Storey Counties (HCCLSC)
Vimal Asokan, Anthem
Jenny Claypool, HCCLSC
Allyson Hoover, Silver Summit Health Plan (SSHP)
Sarah Paulsen
Hilal Arshad, Elevance Health

Introduction:

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

Casey Angres – The notice for this public hearing was published on January 25, 2024, in accordance with Nevada Statute 422.2369.

- 1. Public Comments:** Jay Kolbet-Clausell, Program Manager, NVCHWA, asked for clarity on the billable services for Community Health Workers (CHW) who are working in behavioral health settings. Jay Kolbet-Clausell advised he noticed this was an excluded activity on the draft list that was released. The CHW could be working under social workers or licensed professionals who might be doing those tasks. He asked how those supports are defined in those more behavioral health focused settings.

Casey Angres advised someone will reach out to him outside the public hearing if he would email his contact information to the email listed on the agenda.

2. Discussion and Proposed Adoption and Changes to MSM 600

Subject: MSM Chapter 600 – Physician Services

Carin Fox Hennessey, Program Specialist, Medical Benefits Coverage, DHCFP, advised pursuant to the passing of Senate Bill (SB) 117 during the 82nd Legislative Session in 2023, the Nevada MSM Chapter 600 – Physician Services, Section 605.2(C) is being revised. This update will add prior authorizations for medically necessary services after the initial service limitations of four units (30 minutes per unit) in a 24-hour period, not to exceed 24 units per calendar month per recipient.

This proposed policy update may affect the following Provider Types (PT) including but not limited to: Community Health Workers (PT 89).

The effective date of this new policy is March 1, 2024.

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 – Physician Services.

3. Discussion and Proposed Adoption and Changes to MSM 800

Subject: MSM Chapter 800 – Laboratory Services

Carin Fox Hennessey, Program Specialist, Medical Benefits Coverage, DHCFP, advised pursuant to the passing of Assembly Bill (AB) 155 during the 82nd Legislative Session in 2023, the Nevada MSM Chapter 800–Laboratory Services, Section 803.1C is being revised. This update will add prior authorizations for cancer biomarker testing. There is also the addition of language referring to MSM Chapter 3100 for appeals or denials of biomarker testing.

This proposed policy update may affect the following PTs including but not limited to: Inpatient Hospital (PT 11), Outpatient Hospital (PT 12), and Laboratory (PT 43).

The effective date of these changes is March 1, 2024.

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 800 – Laboratory Services.

4. Adjournment

There were no further comments and Casey Angres closed the Public Hearing at 1:38 PM.

****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.***