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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 November 26, 2024 Summary**

Date and Time of Meeting: November 26, 2024, at 10:08 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  
4070 Silver Sage Drive  
Main 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)**

Casey Angres, DHCFP	Marcel Brown, DHCFP
Gabriel D. Lither, Senior Deputy Attorney General (SDAG)	Nhobelyn Kho, DHCFP
Christopher Christiano, DHCFP	Ellen Flowers, DHCFP
Malinda Southard, DHCFP	Bonnie Palomino, DHCFP
Kimberly Adams, DHCFP	Heather Lazarakis, DHCFP
Antonio Brown, DHCFP	Rachael Devine, DHCFP
Catherine Vairo, DHCFP	Erica McAllister, DHCFP
Cynthia Leech, DHCFP	Patricia Schille, DHCFP
De ABS	Jeremey Hays, DHCFP
Sabrina Schnur, Belz & Case	Angela Stewart, Elevance Health
Steve Messinger, Nevada Primary Care Association (NVPCA)	Rianna White, Fidelis-Rx
Steven Evans, Silver Summit Health Plan (SSHP)	Joy Thomas, Anthem
Luke B Flanagan	Thomas L. Beranek, Centene
Paula Konomos, Evergreen HealthCare	Allyson Hoover, SSHP
Lisa Glick, Fidelis-Rx	Erin Lynch, Nevada Hospital Association (NVHA)
Kelly Carranza, DHCFP	Maria Reyes, Fidelis-Rx
Gina Ward, DHCFP	Linda Anderson, Nevada Public Health Foundation (NPHF)
Robin Ochsenschlager, DHCFP	Philip Ramirez, Molina Healthcare
Kirsten Coulombe, DHCFP	Mari Nakashima Nielsen, The Perkins Company
April Caughron, DHCFP	Beth Slamowitz, DHHS

## Introduction:

Casey Angres, Chief of Division Compliance, DHCFP, opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Dr. Malinda Southard, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP, and Gabriel D. Lither, SDAG.

Casey Angres – The notice for this public hearing was published on October 24, 2024, and revised October 31, 2024, in accordance with Nevada Statute 422.2369.

1. **Public Comments:** There were none.
2. **Discussion and Proposed Adoption of Changes to MSM Chapter 500**

### **Subject: MSM Chapter 500 – Nursing Facilities (NF)**

Christopher Christiano, Registered Nurse (RN) Healthcare Coordinator and State Case Mix Coordinator, DHCFP, presented the proposed changes to MSM Chapter 500 - Nursing Facilities. The proposed revisions were regarding the conversion to the Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM) review system from a Resource Utilization Group (RUG) III case mix review system that was mandated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The changes included minor grammar, lettering, and numbering changes; removal of RUG terminology; removal and replacement throughout the chapter of the word “resident” with “recipient”. Attachment A, the Nevada supportive documentation guidelines, was removed from the chapter. It was determined that the Nevada supportive documentation guidelines would be better utilized in another location other than the MSM chapter due to the possibility of the document being updated regularly and for better access to providers as well as ease of notifying providers of changes to the document. Christiano explained that the guidelines are a Nevada specific documents requiring documentation above what may be required from the Minimum Data Set (MDS) manual. DHCFP is working with their consultants, Meyers and Stauffer, on updating the guidelines and the providers would be notified as soon as the new document become available.

This proposed change affects all Medicaid enrolled providers delivering services in Nursing Facilities under provider type (PT) 19. These PTs include, but are not limited to: Physician, M.D., Osteopath, D.O. (PT 20), Advance Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) (PT 24), Nurse Midwife (PT 74), Psychologist (PT 26), Physician’s Assistant (PA) (PT 77), Pharmacist (PT 91), Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) (PT 14, Specialty 305), Registered dietician (PT 15), Podiatrist (PT 21), Dentist (PT 22), Hearing Aid Dispenser & Related supplies (PT 23), Optometrist (PT 25), Psychologist (PT 26), Pharmacy (PT 28), Durable Medical Equipment (DME( provider (PT 33), Therapy (PT 34), Chiropractor (PT 36), Optician (PT 41), Laboratory, Pathology Clinical (PT 43), Hospice (PT 64), Hospice Long Term Care (PT 65), Audiologist (PT 76), Hospital Based End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) provider (PT 83), Applied Behavior Analysis (PT 85), Substance Use Treatment (PT 93), and Medicare Cost Sharing (PT 94).

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

The effective date is November 27, 2024.

**Public Comments:** There were none.

Dr. Malinda Southard approved the changes pending spelling and grammar changes.

Casey Angres – Closed the Public Hearing for proposed adoption and changes to MSM Chapter 500 – Nursing Facilities.

### 3. Discussion and Proposed Adoption and Changes to MSM Chapter 1200

#### **Subject: MSM Chapter 1200 – Prescribed Drugs**

Antonio Brown, Chief of Pharmacy and DME, DHCFP, presented the proposed revisions to MSM Chapter 1200 – Prescribed Drugs. The changes focused on the removal of all non-working web links throughout the chapter.

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

The effective date is December 2, 2024.

**Public Comments:** There were none.

Dr. Malinda Southard approved the changes pending spelling and grammar changes.

Casey Angres – Closed the Public Hearing for proposed adoption and changes to MSM Chapter 1200 – Prescribed Drugs.

### 4. Adjournment

There were no further comments and Casey Angres closed the Public Hearing at 10:14 AM.

***\*A video 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](mailto:documentcontrol@dncfp.nv.gov) with any questions.***