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Notice of Meeting to Solicit Public Comments and Intent to Act Upon Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services

Public Hearing April 30, 2024

Summary

Date and Time of Meeting: April 30, 2024, at 10:41 AM

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

Place of Meeting: Microsoft Teams

Teleconference and/or Microsoft Teams Attendees

(Note: This List May Not Include All Participants, Just Those Who Identified Themselves)

Theresa Carsten, Deputy Administrator, DHCFTP
Gabriel Lither, Senior Deputy Attorney General
Casey Angres, DHCFTP
Melissa Madera, DHCFTP
Lori Follett, DHCFTP
Keith Benson, DHCFTP
Anjana Radhakrishnan, DHCFTP
Holly L. Lewis, Silver Summit Health Plan (SSHP)

Stephanie Sadabseng, DHCFTP
Nolan
Linda Anderson, Nevada Public Health Foundation
(NPHF)

Keri Kelley, SSHP
Beth Slamowitz, DHHS
Troy C. Jorgensen, University of Nevada, Reno School
of Medicine
Dominic Gaon, Anthem
Kathi Toliver, United Healthcare (UHC)
Tiara Floyd, Anthem

Evette Cullen, DHCFTP
Sean Linehan, DHCFTP
Jessica Vannucci, DHCFTP
Keiko Duncan, DHCFTP
Sophia Heinz, Gainwell Technologies (GWT)
Jennifer L. Cannon, Optum
Russell B. Wenzlau, Optum
Kenneth Kunke, Nevada Pharmacy Alliance
Dena Brennan, GWT
Arlene Forsman, Molina Healthcare
Elyse Monroy-Marsala, Belz & Case
Christy Nguyen, Fidelis-RX
UMC
Belz & Case Government Affairs-Scribe by Rewatch
Rianna White, Fidelis-Rx
Tashanae Glass, DHCFTP
Dena Benson-Scarce, ZOLL Medical Corporation
Beth Ivester, Silver Summit Health Plan (SSHP)
Andrea Gregg, High Sierra AHEC
Allyson Hoover, Silver Summit Health Plan (SSHP)
Thomas L. Beranek, Centene

Meredith Adams, ZOLL Medical Corporation
Joy J. Marquez, Centene
Jeremey Hays, DHCFP
Tonya Hammatt, National Seating & Mobility
De
Colleen
Alexis Ward
Monica Schiffer, DHCFP
Cherneka Mooney, Optum
Mary Lou Fisher, DHCFP
Steve Messenger, Nevada Primary Care Association
(NVPCA)
Shirish S. Limaye, SSHP
Edna Martin
Vimal Asokan, Anthem
Hannah Branch, Ferrari Reeder Public Affairs (FRPA)
Sarah Rubino Caldwell, Sellers Dorsey
Nancy J. Bowen, Nevada Primary Care Association
(NVPCA)
Morgan Griffiths, Norco, Inc.
Sarah Dearborn, DHCFP
Amanda Lamborn, DHCFP
Renee Sweeney, DHCFP
Ellen Flowers, DHCFP
Alex Tanchek, Silver State Government Relations
Mary Gilbertson, UCare
Laura J. Deya Orona, Anthem
Jesus Padilla-Mungaray, Optum
Deborah Kolk, Anthem
Samantha DeAndrea, Doula Co-Op of Nevada

Allison Genco
Maria Reyes, Fidelis-Rx
Morgan Biaselli, SSGR
Sarah Moses, DHCFP
Sam Wimbush, Anthem
Julia Humphrey
Dorothy C. Wilson, Optum
Regina C. De Rosa, Anthem
Angel-Leigh Fischer, Washoe County School District
Carissa Pearce, Children’s Advocacy Alliance of
Nevada (CAA)
Natalie Powell
Alisa Cadenhead, Anthem
Schelia Shinno, DHCFP
Joy Thomas, Anthem
Areli Alarcon,
Laurie Curfman, Liberty Dental Plan (LIB)
Jeana C. Piroli, Washoe Schools
Kaelyne Day, DHCFP
Jeanette Verdin, Washoe Schools
Emily Barney, Doula Co-Op of Nevada
Jennifer Campbell, Doula Co-Op of Nevada
Illia Ludwig, Doula Co-Op of Nevada
Edna Martin, Doula Co-Op of Nevada
Andrea Sallee, Doula Co-Op of Nevada
Julie Humphrey, Accellence Home Medical
Morgan Powell, Doula Co-Op
Amy Hale, JANUS

Introduction:

Casey Angres, Chief of Division Compliance, DHCFP, opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Theresa Carsten, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP, and Gabriel Lither, Senior Deputy Attorney General.

Casey Angres – The notice for this public hearing was published on March 28, 2024, and revised on April 22, 2024, in accordance with Nevada Statute 422.2369.

- 1. Public Comments:** There were none.
- 2. Discussion of Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and Solicitation of Public Comments**

Subject: Rate Update for Provider Type 91 Pharmacists

Sean Linehan, Management Analyst, Rates Analysis and Development Unit, DHCFP, presented the Division is proposing an amendment to the Nevada Medicaid State Plan Attachment 4.19-B, Pages 1e (continued). During the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session, Senate Bill (SB) 439 was passed and signed into law. Per the

terms of this bill, the Nevada Medicaid State Plan must be updated to allow advance practice registered nurses (APRNs) and physician assistants (PAs) to be paid in parity with physicians when providing services to test for, treat, or prevent human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or hepatitis C. Please note that although APRNs are included in SB 439 under specific circumstances, full parity for APRNs was included in SB 504 of the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session. This agenda item only addresses parity for PAs under the conditions described in the bill. Additionally, under NRS 422.27235 Provider Type (PT) Pharmacists (PT 91), will be in parity with Physician Assistants (PT 77).

This State Plan Amendment (SPA) is anticipated to impact providers of Pharmacists Services. This PT includes Pharmacists (PT 91).

There is an estimated change in annual aggregate expenditures for SFY 2024 and 2025 to include an increase of:

SFY 2024	Unknown due to lack of historical utilization
SFY 2025	Unknown due to lack of historical utilization

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

Public Comments:

Kenneth Kunke, Nevada Pharmacy Alliance, thanked DHCFP for taking the time to make these changes and they appreciate the swift work done on the changes.

Casey Angres – closed the Public Hearing for Rate Update Pharmacists (PT 91).

3. Discussion of Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and Solicitation of Public Comments

Subject: SPA Attachment 4.19-A, Indigent Accident Fund

Melissa Madera, Management Analyst, Supplemental Reimbursement Unit located in the Fiscal Services Unit, DHCFP, advised DHCFP is proposing an amendment to the Nevada Medicaid State Plan that would allow the continuation of the Hospital Indigent Fund (HIF), also known as the Indigent Accident Fund (IAF), supplemental payment program based on inpatient hospital utilization to preserve access to inpatient acute services through SFY 2025. This amendment will decrease the supplemental payments from \$70,196,969.02 in SFY 2024 to \$65,363,566.87 which results in a decrease in annual aggregate expenditures of (\$4,833,402). These changes are reflected in Nevada Medicaid’s State Plan Attachment 4.19-A, Page 32b.

The following PT that will potentially be affected by this change includes Hospital, Inpatient (PT 11).

The effective date is July 1, 2024.

Public Comments: There were none.

Casey Angres – Closed the Public Hearing for SPA Attachment 4.19-A, Indigent Accident Fund.

4. Discussion of Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and Solicitation of Public Comments

Subject: SPA Attachment 4.19-A, Disproportionate Share Hospitals (DSH)

Melissa Madera, Management Analyst, Supplemental Reimbursement Unit located in the Fiscal Services Unit, DHCFP, presented DHCFP intends to submit a Medicaid SPA to allow the continuation of the DSH distribution in SFY 2025. This amendment will also increase the allotment amount from \$22,432,159.05 in SFY 2024 to \$25,158,225.17 in SFY 2025 which results in an annual aggregate increase of \$2,726,066.12. These changes are reflected in Nevada Medicaid's State Plan Attachment 4.19-A, Page 23 and 24.

The Division also intends to submit an update to the payment frequency on Page 24. This update will change the DSH payment frequency from monthly to quarterly.

The PTs that will potentially be affected by this change include but are not limited to: Hospital Outpatient Surgery (PT 10), Hospital, Inpatient (PT 11), Hospital Outpatient (PT 12), Critical Access Hospital) Hospital Inpatient (PT 75).

The effective date is July 1, 2024.

Public Comments: There were none.

Casey Angres – Closed the Public Hearing for SPA Attachment 4.19-A, Disproportionate Share Hospitals

5. Adjournment

There were no further comments and Casey Angres closed the Public Hearing at 10:41 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@dhcfp.nv.gov with any questions.***