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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 September 24, 2024 Summary

Date and Time of Meeting: September 24, 2024, at 10:00 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)

Dr. Malinda Southard, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP
Lauren M. Driscoll, Senior Deputy Attorney General
Casey Angres, DHCFP
Antonio Brown, DHCFP
Stephanie Sadabseng, DHCFP
Rachael Devine, DHCFP
Robin Ochsenschlager, DHCFP
Dominic Gaon, Anthem
Trey Delap
Jaclyn Sutton Rangel, WestCare
Belz & Case Government Affairs-Scribe by Rewatch
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Christina Cobeo, DHCFP
Kelly Arnold, Carson Tahoe Health
Gina Ward, DHCFP
Rebecca Preddie
Lori Follett, DHCFP
Kimberly Adams, DHCFP
Elizabeth Scott, DHCFP
Rhett Hollon, DHCFP

Laura Gonzales, WestCare
Charles A. Luband, Dentons
Sarah Dearborn, DHCFP
Elissa Secrist, McDonald Carano
Jason Yates
Angela Mangum, WestCare
Philip Ramirez, Molina Healthcare
Nhobelyn Kho, DHCFP
Kitty Ketenheim, WestCare
Erin Lynch, Nevada Hospital Association (NVHA)
Nadine Kienhoefer
Tomas Hammond
Brody Santini, WestCare
Keibi Mejia, Ferrato Co.
Mari Nakashima Nielsen
Robin Corderman, Care Source
Michelyn Y. Domingo, Anthem
Kerisa Weaver, DHCFP
Bonnie Palomino, DHCFP
Carin Hennessey, DHCFP

Sheri Gaunt, DHCFP
Ellen Flowers, DHCFP
Nina McCartney
Elyse Monroy-Marsala, Belz & Case

Sabrina Schnur, Belz & Case
Tashanae Glass, DHCFP
Andrea Lopez

Introduction:

Casey Angres, Chief of Division Compliance, DHCFP, opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Dr. Malinda Southard, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP, and Lauren M. Driscoll, Senior Deputy Attorney General.

Casey Angres – The notice for this public hearing was published on August 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: Changes to the Inpatient Fee-for-Service Upper Payment Limit Supplemental Payments for Qualifying Hospitals

Kimberly Adams, Administrative Services Officer, Fiscal Services Unit, DHCFP, presented changes to the Inpatient Fee-for-Service Upper Payment Limit Supplemental Payments for Qualifying Hospitals. The Division is proposing an amendment to the Nevada Medicaid State Plan Attachment 4.19-A, Page 33b-33c, to amend the inpatient fee-for-service (FFS) upper payment limit (UPL) supplemental payment for private hospitals in the state of Nevada. Public notice for this change was first posted on the Division’s website on June 25, 2024. UPL supplemental payments issued under this program are not to exceed, when aggregated with other payments made to private hospitals under all other provisions of the State Plan, 100% of a reasonable estimate of the amount that would be paid for such services under Medicare payment principles. The proposed changes will allow Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) to become eligible for an Inpatient Hospital UPL supplemental payment similar to other private hospitals in the state.

The reimbursement methodology for CAHs will mirror the existing reimbursement methodology for freestanding psychiatric hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals, and long-term acute care (LTAC) hospitals. Each CAH will receive a payment equal to its non-negative proportional contribution to the aggregate difference between Medicaid payments paid under all other provisions of the State Plan and the UPL for that class of hospitals.

The following Provider Types (PT) will potentially be affected by this change: Inpatient Hospital (PT 11), Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital (PT 13), Swing-bed, Acute Hospital (PT 44), Medical Rehabilitative Center and Long-Term Acute Care Specialty Hospitals (PT 56), Inpatient Critical Access Hospital (PT 75).

There is an estimated increase in annual aggregate expenditures for state fiscal year (SFY) 2025 and 2026 to include an increase of:

SFY 2025	\$198,697
SFY 2026	\$205,741

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

Public Comments: Erin Lynch, Director of Financial Services, NVHA advised the NVHA is in support of DHCFP's intent to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to modify the UPL supplemental payments for the FFS inpatient hospital services at private hospitals, to include the CAHs. Allowing private CAHs to be part of the UPL for the FFS inpatient services will greatly assist these hospitals in being able to continue to provide services in the community. The NVHA and the private CAHs appreciate this effort.

Casey Angres - Closed the Public Hearing for changes to the Inpatient Fee-for-Service Upper Payment Limit Supplemental Payments for Qualifying Hospitals.

3. Adjournment

There were no further comments and Casey Angres closed the Public Hearing at 10:05 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@dhcp.nv.gov with any questions.***