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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE PLAN FOR MEDICAID SERVICES

### AGENDA

**Date of Publication:** September 26, 2024

**Date and Time of Meeting:** October 29, 2024, at 10:00 AM

**Name of Organization:** The 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

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## **AGENDA**

1. General Public Comments (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. To provide public comment telephonically, you may join the meeting by dialing (775) 321-6111 and when prompted to provide the Meeting ID, enter 451 974 828#. You may then press \*5 to raise your hand during the public comment periods to provide your comment. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name. Those who wish to provide a written comment may submit their comment via mail to 1100 E. William Street, Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701 or via email to [documentcontrol@dncfp.nv.gov](mailto:documentcontrol@dncfp.nv.gov)).
2. Discussion of proposed Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services and solicitation of public comments

**Subject: Increase rates for Occupational Therapy (OT) Services**

The Division of Healthcare Financing and Policy is proposing an Amendment to the Nevada Medicaid State Plan Attachment 4.19-B Pages 2, 2(Cont.) and 2d to improve our compliance with the Access Rule. The proposed changes are to increase OT services rates by 10%, increase OT services rates provided in rural areas by 15%, and increase OT services provided to youth with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) diagnosis codes using Telehealth by 15%.

This proposed change affects all Medicaid-enrolled providers delivering Occupational Therapy type of services. These provider types (PT) include Occupational Therapy services only (PT 34).

Estimated change in annual aggregate expenditures: An estimated increase in annual aggregate expenditures for:

SFY 2025:	\$1,633,473
SFY 2026:	\$3,472.407

The effective date is January 1, 2025.

a. Public comment regarding subject matter.

3. Discussion of proposed Amendments to the 1115 Demonstration Nevada's Treatment of Opioid Use Disorders (OUDs) And Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) Transformation Project for Medicaid Services and solicitation of public comments

**Subject: 1115 Demonstration Waiver Amendment "Nevada's Treatment of Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) and Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Transformation Project"**

On December 29, 2022, Nevada received approval for a Section 1115 waiver under Title XIX of the Social Security Act (SSA), titled "Nevada's Treatment of Opioid Use Disorders (OUD) and Substance Use Disorders (SUD)

Transformation Project.” This waiver allows the State to receive federal Medicaid matching funds to support Medicaid reimbursement for SUD treatment when provided in an Institution for Mental Diseases (IMD). This amendment requests additional waiver authority to expand federal Medicaid matching funds to pay IMDs that deliver treatment and services to recipients with a SMI. Additionally, the State seeks federal waiver authority to cover services that aim to address certain health-related social needs (HRSNs). By covering HRSN services, the State believes it can better support successful community transitions and stable community living.

The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), DHCFP, requests authority from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to amend the existing five-year, Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver. We are pleased to submit Nevada’s Section 1115 demonstration waiver amendment request entitled “Nevada’s Treatment of Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) and Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Transformation Project”.

This project is intended to expand the behavioral health continuum of care for Medicaid-enrolled Nevadans over the age of 21 years, by supporting individuals with often co-occurring disorders, as well as HRSNs, that complicate accessing treatment and achieving community stability. Specifically, DHHS seeks a waiver to implement housing and nutrition supports for recipients experiencing, or at-risk of, homelessness, in addition to the waiver of the IMD exclusion for individuals between 21 years and 64 years receiving treatment for SMI in an IMD. This demonstration is aligned with the objectives of Title XIX and Title XXI of the SSA to improve access to high-quality, person-centered services that produce positive health outcomes for individuals.

This proposed change affects all Medicaid-enrolled providers delivering treatment and services to recipients with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) as well as services to address certain Health Related Social Needs. Those PTs include, but are not limited to: Psychiatric Hospital, Inpatient (PT 13).

The projected expenditures for each demonstration year are estimated to be:

With Waiver Total Expenditures	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	TOTAL
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$6,987,676	\$7,361,049	\$147,730,494	\$199,399,438	\$249,715,982	\$611,194,639

The effective date of change is upon CMS approval.

b. Public comment regarding subject matter.

4. Adjournment

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