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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 September 8, 2025 Summary

Date and Time of Meeting: September 8, 2025, at 10:00 AM

Name of Organization: State of Nevada, Nevada Health Authority (NVHA),
Nevada Medicaid

Place of Meeting: Nevada Medicaid
1919 College Parkway, Suite #120
Carson City, Nevada 89706

Teleconference and/or Microsoft Teams Attendees

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

Kimberly Smalley, Division of Nevada Medicaid (DNM)	Carin Fox Hennessey, DNM
Lauren M. Driscoll, Regulatory Council	Ellen Flowers, DNM
Gabriel D. Lithier, Senior Deputy Attorney General (SDAG)	Amber Neff, DNM
Alicia Roman, DNM	Cassandra Davis, DNM
Kerisa Weaver, DNM	Jenifer Graham, DNM
Veronica Bean, DNM	Evette Cullen, DNM
Bernadette DeMars, DNM	Catherine Vairo, DNM
Lindsey Bondiek, DNM	Marcel Brown, DNM
Richard McFeely, DNM	Krisann Taylor, DNM
Deidre Manley, DNM	Minden Hall, DNM
Darlene Wolff, DNM	Patricia Schille, DNM
Christina Cobeo, DNM	Bonnie Palomino, DNM
	Lori Follett, DNM

Introduction:

Kimberly Smalley, Social Services Chief, Division Compliance, Nevada Medicaid, opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Lauren M. Driscoll, Regulatory Council, and Gabriel D. Lithier, SDAG.

Kimberly Smalley – The notice for this public hearing was published on July 24, 2025, and revised on September 2, 2025, in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 422.2369 and 241.020.

1. **Public Comments:** There were none.
2. **Discussion and Proposed Adoption and Changes to MSM Chapter 200**

Subject: MSM Chapter 200 – Hospital Services

Carin Fox Hennessey, Program Specialist, Medical and Dental Benefits Coverage Unit, Nevada Medicaid, presented the proposed revisions to MSM Chapter 200. MSM Chapter 200 has been updated to clarify the separate billing for psychiatric assessment delivered in the emergency room (ER). Current policy before this clarification indicated that services delivered in the ER, during the 24 hours prior to Inpatient admission, are part of all provider type (PT) 11 rollovers and are to be included in the Inpatient stay. The proposed policy updates clarify that the applicable psychiatric assessments performed by qualified professionals who are not hospital-staffed, may be billed separately. These psychiatric assessments are necessary to determine the appropriate level of care (LOC) for the recipient, as well as to support the physician's order for admission to Inpatient treatment. In addition to the policy updates, the term Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) has been updated to the Division of Nevada Medicaid (DNM) throughout the chapter.

Hennessey presented the proposed changes in detail. Section 203.1(B)(6)(g), Coverage and Limitations, clarification was made referencing MSM Chapter 400 for inpatient mental health services policy and authorization. Section 203.1(B)(6)(i), reference was updated to MSM Chapter 4100 for inpatient alcohol/substance use policy, withdrawal management, and treatment services. Section 203.1(B)(7)(g), language was updated for behavioral health related admission to include: Hospitals with a psychiatric unit or alcohol/substance use treatment unit; Addition of language requiring psychiatric assessment to determine medically necessary treatment delivered in the appropriate setting; Clarification of language allowing assessment services to be billed separately from the inpatient psychiatric stay when performed in the hospital emergency department by an outside entity within their scope of practice, not including hospital-staffed physicians and other qualified health care providers; Clarification of reference to MSM Chapter 400 for guidance on assessment for admission to treatment.

Section 206.1(A)(4), title was updated to MSM Chapter 400 – Mental Health Services. Under Section 206.1(B), language was clarified that patients requiring behavioral health related services while in the emergency department must first be medically stabilized. This includes: Updated language for transfer of a patient to a psychiatric hospital or unit based on psychiatric assessment and physician's order; Clarification of the authorization from Nevada Medicaid required for transfer or admission; Addition of language allowing psychiatric assessment for the determination of medically necessary treatment in the appropriate setting. In those circumstances the assessment may be billed separately by an outside entity within their scope of practice, not including hospital-staffed physicians and other qualified health care providers.

The proposed policy updates may affect the following PTs including but not limited to: Physician M.D./O.D. (PT 20), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) (PT 24), and Physician's Assistant (PA) (PT 77).

The effective date is December 9, 2025.

Public Comments: Jenifer Graham, Document Control Unit, advised there were no public comments but asked Hennessey if the correct effective date is September 9, 2025.

Hennessey replied that the effective date is September 9, 2025.

Lauren M. Driscoll approved the changes pending spelling and grammar changes.

Kimberly Smalley – Closed the Public Hearing for proposed adoption and changes to MSM Chapter 200 - Hospital Services.

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

Subject: MSM Chapter 1200 – Prescribed Drugs

Ellen Flowers, Program Specialist, Pharmacy Unit, Nevada Medicaid, presented the proposed changes to MSM Chapter 1200. Under Appendix A, Section BBBB, Subsection 3 – Anticonvulsants: the age requirement for Valtoco® was updated from six to two years or older. The following sections were moved from Appendix B to Appendix A: Medications with Gender/Age Edits, Oral/Topical Contraceptives, Gender Edits, Vitamins with Fluoride, Antiretrovirals, and Diabetic Supply Program.

The retroactive effective date is September 1, 2025.

Public Comments: There were none.

Lauren M. Driscoll approved the changes pending spelling and grammar changes.

Kimberly Smalley – Closed the Public Hearing for proposed adoption and changes to Chapter 1200 – Prescribed Drugs.

4. Adjournment

There were no further comments, and Kimberly Smalley closed the Public Hearing at 10:10 AM.

****A video version of this meeting is available through the Nevada Medicaid Compliance office. For more detailed information on any of the handouts, submittals, testimony, and or comments please contact Jenifer Graham at documentcontrol@nvha.nv.gov with any questions.***