

Joe Lombardo  
Governor

Richard Whitley, MS  
Director



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND POLICY

*Helping people. It's who we are and what we do.*



Stacie Weeks,  
JD MPH  
Administrator

*Si necesitas ayuda traduciendo este mensaje, por favor escribe a [dhcfp@dhcfp.nv.gov](mailto:dhcfp@dhcfp.nv.gov), o llame (702) 668-4200 o (775) 687-1900*

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

### Public Hearing January 28, 2025 Summary

Date and Time of Meeting: January 28, 2025, at 10:01 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: Department of Public and Behavioral Health  
4150 Technology Way, Room 301  
Carson City, Nevada 89706

### Teleconference and/or Microsoft Teams Attendees

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

Casey Angres, DHCFP	Nahayvee Flores-Rosiles, DHCFP
Lauren M. Driscoll, Deputy Attorney General (DAG)	Erica McAllister, DHCFP
Theresa Carsten, DHCFP	Amber Cronn, DHCFP
Malinda Southard, DHCFP	Serene Pack, DHCFP
Kevin Meagher, Washoe Schools	Sheri McPartlin
Mari Nakashima Nielsen, The Perkins Company	Luke Flanagan, Ferrari Reeder Public Affairs (FRPA)
Alicia Prokasky	Elyse Monroy-Marsala, Belz & Case
Dolores Williamson	Marisa Nabong, Aging and Disability Services Division, (ADSD)
Nancy Brooks, Clark County School District (CCSD)	Linda Anderson, Nevada Public Health Foundation (NPHF)
Sherron Dickenson, CCSD	Jonathan Figueroa, DHCFP
Janice Rollins, CCSD	Susan
Ivy Y. Burns, CCSD	Todd Rich, DHCFP
Lori Baumann, CCSD	Bre Taylor
Bryan Walker, Nevada Department of Education (DOE)	Lambert Wu A., United Healthcare (UHC)
Olivia Neiwirth	Michelyn Y. Domingo, Anthem
Angela Stewart, Elevance Health	Hilal Arshad, Elevance Health
Selina Verdin, Washoe Schools	Shaneka L. Wiley, Elevance Health
Jeana C. Piroli, Washoe Schools	John Ezell, P, Boys Town Nevada
Melody Hall-Ramirez, DHCFP	

Matt Olivier  
Minden Hall, DHCFP  
Monica Schiffer, DHCFP  
Katie M. Nease, United Healthcare (UHC)  
Melissa Pagarigan  
Amy Levin, Anthem  
Alex Tanchek, Silver State Government Relations  
Karen Suriano-Mertz, Nye County School District

Claudia  
Alicia  
Heather Strasser  
Brian Evans, The Perkins Company  
Angelo Alford, Anthem  
Philip Ramirez, Molina Healthcare

### **Introduction:**

Casey Angres, Chief of Division Compliance, DHCFP, opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Theresa Carsten, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP, and Lauren M. Driscoll, DAG.

Casey Angres – The notice for this public hearing was published on December 27, 2024, and revised on January 9, 2025, and January 13, 2025, 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: School Health Services Department of Education**

Erica McAllister, Social Services Program Specialist, Community and Provider Engagement Unit, DHCFP, brought to attention a correction on the agenda. The agenda states that these changes will allow the following providers to bill for allowable school health services (SHS) and should be corrected to say, “to provide covered school health services.”

Erica advised that the Division is proposing a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 3.1-A, Page 2. The proposed changes will allow School Counselors, School Social Workers, and School Psychologists holding a Department of Education endorsement to provide covered SHS that fall within their licensure and scope of practice.

These changes are the result of collaborative discussions with Nevada’s local education agencies regarding the types of providers delivering services to children in the school settings. This amendment represents the Division’s continued efforts to reduce barriers faced by Local Education Agencies in obtaining Medicaid reimbursement.

The estimated federal fiscal impact of this SPA is \$501,717 for fiscal year 2025 and \$1,014,094 for fiscal year 2026. The state fiscal impact is estimated to be \$191,725 for fiscal year 2025 and \$395,691 for fiscal year 2026. The fiscal impact was calculated by analyzing the anticipated service utilization for the newly eligible school providers. The effective date of this SPA is January 1, 2025, pending approval from Centers for Medicaid Services (CMS) Once CMS approval is obtained, the Division will notify providers via Web Announcement and direct email.

**Public Comments:** There were none.

Casey Angres - Closed the Public Hearing for changes to School Health Services Department of Education.

### 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@dncfp.nv.gov](mailto:documentcontrol@dncfp.nv.gov) with any questions.***