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PUBLIC NOTICE TO SOLICIT COMMENT ON INTENT TO SUBMIT A STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT FOR GENETIC SCREENINGS

June 30, 2025

Name of Organization

Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy

Public Comment

General public comments are encouraged to be submitted in writing. You may submit comments in one of two ways found below (please choose one).

Electronically: You may email comments to DocumentControl@dncfp.nv.gov. Write "State Plan Amendment for reimbursement of Newborn Genetic Screenings lab fee to Hospitals and Birthing Centers" in the subject line.

Mail: You may mail written comments to the following address:

Division of Nevada Medicaid
ATTN: Document Control
4070 Silver Sage Dr.
Carson City, NV 89701

Purpose:

The purpose of this notice is to provide the public with information and to collect public feedback regarding the state's intent to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) for federal approval to implement changes to the reimbursement methodology for hospitals and birthing centers for lab fees associated with newborn genetic screenings. This SPA will be effective July 1, 2025.

The Division is developing a webpage dedicated to SPAs and intends to publish the draft SPA and other supporting materials on this website within the coming months. Emails related to the new SPA webpage and SPA submissions will be sent to individuals who have signed up to receive electronic notifications through the Nevada Medicaid Update ListServ. You can sign up to receive these notifications by visiting:

<https://dhcfnv.gov/Resources/NevadaMedicaidUpdate/NMUListserv/>.

Proposed Changes:

The Division of Nevada Medicaid intends to submit a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) to allow for hospitals and birthing centers to be reimbursed separately for lab fees associated with newborn genetic screenings, outside of their established medical encounter rates. These changes are being made to Attachment 4.19-A page 5 and page 6, and 4.19B Page 2b and are effective July 1, 2025. During the 83rd Legislative Session (2025), Senate Bill 348 was approved by the Nevada Legislature, which mandates that Nevada Medicaid seek federal approval to receive federal funding to provide reimbursement for examinations and tests required for the discovery in infants of preventable or inheritable disorders

and to provide such reimbursement separately from other reimbursement associated with labor, delivery and newborn care services.

Methodology:

The Division intends to continue established medical encounter rates. Additionally, upon implementation of this State Plan Amendment, hospitals and birthing clinics may submit additional claims to be reimbursed separately for examinations and tests required for the discovery in infants of preventable or inheritable disorders at a rate not more than \$122 on or after July 1, 2025.

Estimated Expenditures:

Below is the estimated change in annual aggregate expenditure is as follows.

SFY 2026 : \$2,153,341

SFY 2027: \$2,153,341

Notice Information

This notice has been posted online at <http://dhcfp.nv.gov>, as well as Carson City, Las Vegas, Elko, and Reno District Offices for DHCFP. Email notice has been made to such individuals as have requested notice of State Plan Amendments. To request notifications or a physical copy of this notice, please contact DocumentControl@dhcfp.nv.gov, or visit your local Nevada Medicaid office at:

1919 College Parkway, Suite 120, Carson City, Nevada 89701

1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 103, Elko, Nevada 89801

1210 S. Valley View, Suite 104, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

745 W. Moana Lane, Suite 200, Reno, Nevada 89509

A copy of this notice has also been sent to the following local agencies in each Nevada county for public review.

Carson City Library
900 North Roop Street
Carson City, NV 89702
<https://carsoncitylibrary.org/>

Elko County Library
720 Court Street
Elko, NV 89801
<https://www.exploremybrary.org/>

Churchill County Library
553 South Main Street
Fallon, NV 89406
<https://churchillcountylibrary.org/>

Esmeralda County Library
(Corner of Crook and 4th Street)
PO Box 430
Goldfield, NV 89013
(No Website)

Clark County District Library
833 Las Vegas Boulevard North
Las Vegas, NV 89101
<https://thelibrarydistrict.org/>

Eureka Branch Library
210 South Monroe Street
Eureka, NV 89316-0283
(No Website)

Douglas County Library
1625 Library Lane
Minden, NV 89423
<https://library.douglascountynv.gov/>

Henderson District Public Library
100 West Lake Mead Parkway
Henderson, NV 89105
<https://www.hendersonlibraries.com/>

Lander County Library
625 South Broad Street
Battle Mountain, NV 89820-0141
<https://www.landercountynv.org/>

Lincoln County Library
63 Maine Street
Pioche, NV 89043-0330
(No Website)

Lyon County Library
20 Nevin Way
Yerington, NV 89447-2399
<https://www.lyon-county.org/238/Library>

Mineral County Library
110 1st Street
Hawthorne, NV 89415-1390
<https://mineralcountylibrary.com/>

Pahrump Community Library
701 East Street
Pahrump, NV 89041-0578
<https://www.pahrumplibrary.org/>

Pershing County Library
1125 Central Avenue
Lovelock, NV 89419-0781
https://pershingcounty.net/community/county_library/

Storey County Library
175 Carson Street
Virginia City, NV 89440-0014
<https://storeycountycommunitylibrary.com/>

Tonopah Public Library
167 Central Street
Tonopah, NV 89049-0449
<https://www.tonopahnevada.com/tonopahlibrary/>

Washoe County Library
301 South Center Street
Reno, NV 89505-2151
<https://www.washoecountylibrary.us/>

White Pine County Library
950 Campton Street
Ely, NV 89301-1965
<https://www.whitepinecounty.net/284/Library>