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## PUBLIC NOTICE TO SOLICIT COMMENT ON INTENT TO SUBMIT A STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO UPDATE THE REIMBURSEMENT METHODOLOGY FOR PHARMACISTS

**December 29, 2023**

**Name of Organization:** Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)

General public comments are encouraged to be submitted in writing. You may submit comments in one of two ways. (Please choose only one of the ways listed below):

**Electronically:** You may email comments to [DocumentControl@dhcfnv.gov](mailto:DocumentControl@dhcfnv.gov). Write "Reimbursement Update for Pharmacists" in the subject line.

**Mail:** You may mail written comments to the following address:  
Division of Health Care Financing and Policy  
ATTN: "Reimbursement for Rural Emergency Hospitals"  
1100 E. William Street, Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 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 of an updated reimbursement methodology for Pharmacists (Provider Type 91). The updated methodology will be effective January 1, 2024.

The Division intends to publish the draft SPA and other supporting materials on its website within the coming months at: <http://dhcfnv.gov/>. Emails will be sent to such individuals as have requested public notice of SPAs and meetings (to request notifications please contact [documentcontrol@dhcfnv.gov](mailto:documentcontrol@dhcfnv.gov), or at 1100 East William Street, Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

**Overview:** The Division of Health Care Financing & Policy intends to submit a Medicaid State Plan Amendment in order to provide an increase to Physician Assistant rates. These changes are to 4.19-B pages 1d continued and 1e continued of the State Plan.

Nevada Medicaid was asked to provide higher reimbursement rates for Physician Assistants when providing service to a recipient with a diagnosis of HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) or HCV (Hepatitis C).

In accordance with NRS 422.27235, Pharmacists will be reimbursed for such services as a rate equal to the rate of reimbursement provided to a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse for similar services.

**Methodology:** The Division intends to reimburse pharmacists in accordance with NRS 422.27235 in that Pharmacists will be reimbursed at the same rate and methodology as physician assistants.

**Expected Expenditures:** The State is still determining the expected expenditures for this update.

### **Notice Information**

This notice has been posted online at <http://dhcfp.nv.gov>, as well as Carson City, Las Vegas, Elko, and Reno Central Offices for DHCFP. Email notice has been made to such individuals as have requested notice of meetings (to request notifications please contact [documentcontrol@dhcfp.nv.gov](mailto:documentcontrol@dhcfp.nv.gov), or at 1100 East William Street, Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701. DHCFP, 1100 E. William St., Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701 DHCFP, 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 103, Elko, Nevada 89801 DHCFP, 1210 S. Valley View, Suite 104, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 DHCFP, 745 W. Moana Lane, Suite 200, Reno, Nevada 89509.

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### **Public Hearing**

The Division will host a public hearing prior to submitting the State Plan Amendment to seek further public comment. This public hearing will be held by the end of the third quarter of calendar year 2024. Additional information will be shared at that time noting specific reimbursement rates for the new clinic services. This information will be posted online at <http://dhcfp.nv.gov>, as well as Carson City, Las Vegas, Elko, and Reno central offices for DHCFP. Email notice has been made to such individuals as have requested notice of meetings (to request notifications please contact [documentcontrol@dhcfp.nv.gov](mailto:documentcontrol@dhcfp.nv.gov), or at 1100 East William Street, Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701. DHCFP, 1100 E. William St., Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701 DHCFP, 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 103, Elko, Nevada 89801 DHCFP, 1210 S. Valley View, Suite 104, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 DHCFP, 745 W. Moana Lane, Suite 200, Reno, Nevada 89509.