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# Behavioral Health State Plan Amendments (SPA)

- **State Plan Amendment Updates related to Behavioral Health**
  - NV SPA 21-0008 – Addition of Behavioral Health Coverage Language to Separate Children Health Insurance Programs (SCHIP) \*Approved
  - NV SPA 21-0009 – Removal of Biofeedback and Neurotherapy services for the treatment of a mental health diagnosis. \*Withdrawn
  - NV SPA 22-0005 – Reimbursement Methodology for Crisis Stabilization Centers \*Under Review



# Behavioral Health Medicaid Service Manual (MSM) Policy Updates

- **MSM 400 – Mental Health and Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services – Crisis Stabilization Services**
  - Public Workshop was held on 12/31/21
  - Public Hearing was held on 3/29/22

# SUPPORT Act Planning Grants

- In 2019, the Nevada Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) was awarded the 24-month Substance Use Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities (SUPPORT) Act Planning Grant where many new policy initiatives began to increase provider capacity and support increased access to Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services.
- Throughout the SUPPORT Act Planning Grant, the SUPPORT Act Core team created a 5-year Strategic Plan that will ensure the development and long-term sustainability of provider capacity to meet the needs of Nevada Medicaid beneficiaries.
  - Goals of the Strategic Plan
    - #1 Expand Provider Capacity
    - #2 Enhance Access to Care
    - #3 Facilitate Data Driven Decision Making
- Strategic Plan posted at <https://dhcfp.nv.gov/Pgms/SUPPORTActGrant/>



# SUPPORT Act Post-Planning Demonstration

- September 17, 2021, Nevada was among five states awarded the CMS SUPPORT Act Post-Planning Demonstration Grant Award
- Nevada will continue work identified through the Strategic Plan, some major strategies include but are not limited to:
  - Nevada's Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver application entitled "Nevada's Treatment of Opioid Use Disorders (OUDs) and Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) Transformation Project"
  - Develop The Patient Centered Opioid Addiction Treatment(P-COAT) Model as an Alternative Payment Model designed by the American Medical Association (AMA) and The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM). The P-COAT model was developed to expand access and utilization of medication assisted treatment while also ensuring providers are appropriately reimbursed for the services they provide.



# Mobile Crisis Planning Grant

- September 30, 2021, Nevada was among 20 states awarded the 1-year Mobile Crisis Planning Grant
- These 1-year grants are intended to help states be prepared to elect and implement the new American Rescue Plan “State Option to Provide Qualifying Community-Based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services,” that will also coincide with the national requirement of 988 behavioral health crisis line coming in July of 2022.
- States with a SPA, 1915(b) waiver, 1915(c) waiver, or 1115 waiver program with corresponding authority for Community-Based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services may receive an 85% FMAP for expenditures on qualifying Community-Based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services for the first 12 quarters (3 years) within the five-year period beginning April 1, 2022, during which the state meets the conditions for the 85% FMAP.



# Behavioral Health Legislation

- Senate Bill 154 - directs the Department to apply for a Medicaid Section 1115 demonstration waiver to provide coverage and reimbursement for inpatient substance use disorder treatment. This Act also provides permissive authority for an 1115 waiver that allows for coverage and reimbursement for inpatient treatment for adults with serious mental illness or a child with a serious emotional disturbance.
- Senate Bill 156 - requires the Department to ensure that crisis stabilization services provided at hospitals with a crisis stabilization center endorsement are covered and reimbursable services under Medicaid.





# Questions?







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