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Streamlining the State Plan Amendment (SPA) and Policy Update Process

Nevada Medicaid (formerly the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy) is redesigning and streamlining its process for adopting policies and updating its State Plan for Medicaid to ensure new or updated Medicaid services are available in a more timely and efficient manner.

As you may know, the Medicaid State Plan is an agreement between Nevada and the federal government, known as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), that describes how the state administers and operates its Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) programs. The State Plan explains who can get services, what services are covered, and how providers are paid.

When a change to the State Plan is needed, such as adding a new benefit or updating a payment rate for providers, Nevada Medicaid must submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to CMS for approval so that the state may receive federal funds to support its Medicaid and CHIP programs. This approval is required before a change can go into effect in Nevada regulations.

To accomplish the goal of quicker implementation of services and benefits, Nevada Medicaid will no longer conduct full presentations at its monthly Public Hearings before submitting SPAs to CMS to save 2 – 4 months in the process. Instead, Nevada Medicaid will publish notice of each SPA on a dedicated webpage for public viewing and commenting. This will allow for real-time e-mail notifications of SPAs being submitted for federal approval via the Medicaid Update Listserv. You can access the new SPA webpage here:

https://dhcfp.nv.gov/Resources/AdminSupport/Manuals/MSP/SPA/SPA_Home/

In addition, Assembly Bill (AB) 42 passed during the 83rd Legislative Session (2025) requiring Nevada Medicaid to provide at least three business days' notice of an intent to adopt, amend or repeal any policy or regulation under certain circumstances to ensure compliance with federal and state laws governing Medicaid and CHIP programs and to meet the division's goal of a more streamlined and efficient process for making program changes. Nevada Medicaid will continue to ensure all public notice and comment requirements are adhered to in accordance with federal regulation and state law.

Nevada Medicaid welcomes feedback from all stakeholders and will continue to seek such feedback during its regular public workshops, along with other stakeholder engagement methods, such as written feedback solicitations requested on the listserv. Public workshop information can be found on Nevada Medicaid's website at <https://www.medicaid.nv.gov/>.

If you would like to provide feedback on SPAs that are pending CMS approval, you may do so electronically by emailing your comment to DocumentControl@NVHA.nv.gov or via mail to the below address (please be sure to indicate the SPA number and title in your subject line):

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

To sign up for electronic notifications related to SPAs posted to the SPA webpage, please visit <https://dhcfp.nv.gov/Resources/NevadaMedicaidUpdate/NevadaMedicaidUpdate/> and follow the instructions to subscribe.