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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE OF MEETING TO SOLICIT PUBLIC COMMENTS AND INTENT TO ACT
UPON AMENDEMENTS TO THE NEVADA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (NAC) CHAPTER
422**

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Date and Time of Meeting: September 22, 2014 at 9:00AM

Name of Organization: The State of Nevada, Department of Human Resources,
Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)

Place of Meeting: State of Nevada Legislative Building
401 S. Carson Street Room 2135
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Place of Video-Conference: Grant Sawyer Office Building
555 E. Washington Avenue Room 4412
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Agenda

**Discussion of Amendments to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 422 and Solicitation
of Public Comments**

1. Subject: Proposed additions to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 422.

(a) NAC 422 describes the program limits, eligibility and distribution of the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) program. The purpose of the proposed amendments to NAC 422 are to revise the methodology for calculating and distributing DSH payments; set forth the documentation required from hospitals for the calculation and distribution of DSH payments; revise the procedures for adjusting a DSH payment, if according to audit, the amount paid to the hospital was greater than the amount it was entitled; and revise the procedures for redistributing any DSH payments returned to the DHCFP.

Section 3 is being added. This section describes the documentation required from hospitals for the calculation of the DSH payments.

NAC 422.115 is being amended to revise the methodology of DSH payments calculation. This section also adds the definition of a DSH limit.

NAC 422.135 is being amended to revise the methodology of distributing DSH payments within a hospital pool.

NAC 422.155 is being amended to revise the process of recalculating and redistributing DSH payments after an audit.

NAC 422.025, NAC 422.045 and NAC 422.125 are being repealed as they describe existing regulations relating to the calculation and distribution of the DSH payments which are being replaced.

(b) Public comments limited to 5 minutes per person.

There is no projected State General Fund fiscal impact as a result of these amendments. DSH funding is based on an allotment set by the Federal Government.

Only one of the current DSH eligible hospitals, Mt. Grant General Hospital, meets the statutory definition of a small business. . The new methodology results in a very slight increase in DSH payments for this hospital, but the increase is negligible and based on a projected allotment.

3. Public Comment Regarding any Other Issue

4. Adjournment

See the NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION for more information.

Nevada Medicaid is unaware of any financial impact to other entities or local government due to this public hearing, other than as stated above.

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Notice of this public hearing and draft copies of the changes will be available on or after the date of this notice at the DHCFP Web site www.dhcfp.nv.gov Carson City Central office and Las Vegas DHCFP. The Nevada Public Notice website <http://notice.nv.gov>; and the Nevada Legislature's Administrative Regulation Notices website <http://leg.state.nv.us> The agenda posting of this meeting can be viewed at the following locations: Nevada State Library; Carson City Library; Churchill County Library; Las Vegas Library; Douglas County Library; Elko County Library; Eureka County Library Lincoln County Library; Lyon County Library; Mineral County Library; Tonopah Public Library; Pershing County Library; Goldfield Public Library; Eureka Branch Library; Humboldt County Library; Lander County Library; Storey County Library; Washoe County Library; and White Pine County Library and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

If requested in writing, a draft copy of the changes will be mailed to you. Requests and/or written comments on the proposed changes may be sent to the Rita Mackie at the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, 1100 E. William Street, Suite 101, Carson City, NV 89701. Written comments on the proposed changes must be submitted three days prior to the public hearing.

All persons that have requested in writing to receive the Public Hearings agenda have been duly notified by mail or e-mail.

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