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Division of Nevada Medicaid

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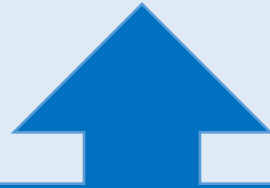


Agenda

- New Nevada Health Authority
- Impactful Legislation from the 2025 Legislative Session
- Structured Family Caregiving Waiver
- Home Delivered Meals through the Frail Elderly Waiver
- Residential Providers for the Frail Elderly Waiver



What Makes Up NVHA?





How does this work with the Division of Human Services?

DHS

*Provides direct care, supportive services
and public benefits to eligible Nevadans*

Children & Family Services
Public & Behavioral Health*
Social Services (formerly DWSS)*
Aging & Disability Services*

NVHA

*Promotes access to high-quality, affordable
health care and services to improve the
health and well-being of Nevadans*

Nevada Medicaid (formerly DHCFP)
Consumer Health Services
Public Employee Benefits
Health Care Purchasing & Compliance

*Certain responsibilities transferred to NVHA.



The Why?

“This new authority will help Nevada capitalize on its **strong purchasing power** when it comes to health insurance and get a better deal for taxpayers, all while offering **better insurance options** for eligible Nevadans.”

- Governor Joe Lombardo



Our Vision & Mission

Vision

A healthy, thriving Nevada where health care is affordable and reliable for all.

Mission

To ensure Nevadans have access to affordable, reliable care by leveraging the state's buying power, streamlining programs and services, and driving better quality and more innovation in the health care system.

Values

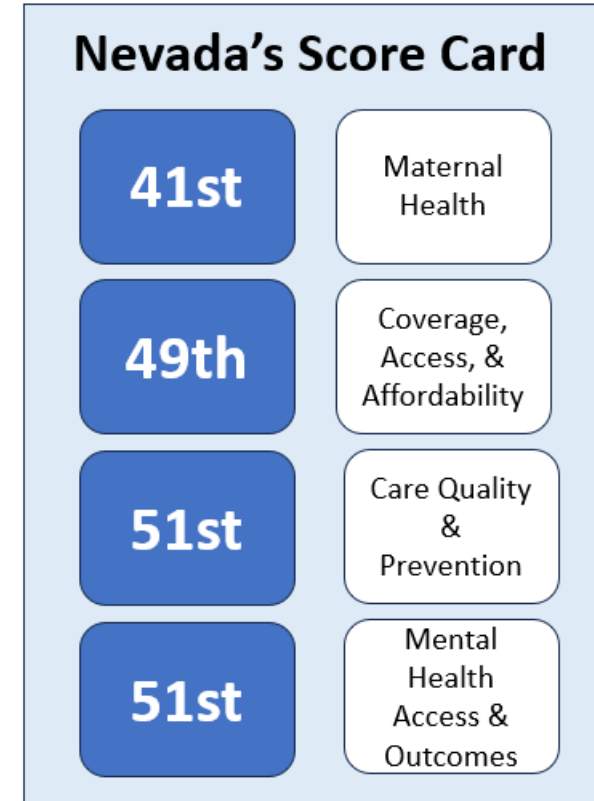
Public service, fiscal discipline, and accountable leadership



Strategic Goals & Guideposts

Our Goals to Achieve Our Mission

1. Improve state's performance on key health indicators
2. Increase the financial sustainability of coverage programs
3. Expand the capacity of the state's health care workforce to meet the needs
4. Driving better value, coordination, and innovation in health care in Nevada





Reimagining Health Care for Providers

NVHA One-Stop Shop for Providers

- One enrollment process
- One credentialing process
- Same quality and value-based payment programs
- Same reporting standards
- Same forms and timelines for prior authorizations

Across all markets under NVHA



Reimagining Health Care for Nevadans

One-Stop Shop for Coverage

For people who shop for their own health insurance (private market & Medicaid)

- Real time eligibility & enrollment through Exchange door
- If Medicaid eligible, moved through the Medicaid Express
- If eligible for private coverage, moved through shopping experience on Exchange
- All can compare & select plans
- See their provider networks
- View their plan's quality scores



Reimagining State Health Care Purchasing

New Health Care Purchasing Strategy

- Aligns certain contracts/requirements across markets with similar carriers/vendors for similar services
- Allows state to better leverage its position to negotiate better deals (lower costs) in health care services
- Provides opportunity to scale resources across programs = greater efficiencies
- Simplifies programs for consumers and providers



New Health Authority and Older Adults

- Nevada Medicaid and Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) continue to partner together for the four Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) programs.
- An interlocal agreement between our divisions outlines the respective roles, summarized below:

Nevada Medicaid- Administration	ADSD- Operations
Develop and submit waiver applications/amendments and policy	Determine waiver eligibility including institutional level of care
Submission of federal reporting requirements including quality assurance	Management of waiver slots and waitlist for slots
HCBS provider enrollment and oversight	Training for Waiver Case Management providers



Impactful Legislation for Older Adults

- [Senate Bill 207](#) transferred the authority for the **Program for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)** from ADSD to Nevada Medicaid and appropriated funding to establish the program
- PACE is a comprehensive service that bundles Medicare and Medicaid services for individuals 55 and older who need nursing facility level of care and live in a PACE service area.
- Recipients receive care through an interdisciplinary team and funding is based on a capitated model



PACE Continued...

- Unlike other Medicaid services, PACE requires a three-way contract with the PACE organization, Medicaid and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- Therefore, there are several steps to implement PACE in Nevada:
 1. Contract with a consult for technical assistance
 2. Stakeholder engagement for how to design PACE in Nevada
 3. Development of request for proposal to select PACE organizations
 4. Submission of State Plan to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
 5. Enhancements to the Medicaid billing system for new PACE providers
- Tentative timeline for releasing request for proposal is **early 2026**



Structured Family Caregiving Waiver

- [Assembly Bill 208](#) from the 2023 Legislative session authorized a new HCBS Waiver
- Targeted to individuals who have a diagnosis of Dementia or related conditions and would require imminent placement in an institutional setting without HCBS in place.
- Services include:
 - Case Management
 - Respite
 - Bundled rate for personal care services
- Caregivers must receive 65% of the Medicaid reimbursement



Home Delivered Meals- Frail Elderly Waiver

- Originally offered through Rescue Plan Act enhanced funding, Home Delivered Meals was officially added to the Frail Elderly Waiver as of April of 2024
- In addition to making HDM a permanent service, effective November 18, 2024, Nevada Medicaid doubled the rate increasing each meal to \$10.31.
- Currently there are five HDM providers



Residential Providers- Frail Elderly Waiver

- The Frail Elderly Waiver offers residential services for recipients who require 24-hour supervision; however, can safely remain in a community setting with such supports.

Number of Recipients	Number of Providers	Number of Beds
3, 468	190	2,907

*It should be noted these figures are a point in time count.



Questions?



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