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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

May 15, 2026

Ann Jensen
Administrator
Nevada Health Authority
Nevada Medicaid
4070 Silver Sage Drive
Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Nevada State Plan Amendment (SPA) NV-26-0004

Dear Administrator Jensen:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number NV-26-0004. This SPA revises provider qualification requirements for Community Health Workers (CHWs) by removing the Nevada Certification Board as the sole required certification source and expanding eligibility to include certifications from all NV Medicaid Approved CHW training programs.

We have conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This letter is to inform you that Nevada Medicaid SPA NV-26-0004 was approved on May 15, 2026, with an effective date of May 1, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact Cecilia Williams at (410) 786-2539 or via email at Cecilia.Williams@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Nicole McKnight
Acting Director, Division of Program Operations

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**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <u>2 6 — 0 0 0 4</u>	2. STATE <u>NV</u>
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT <input checked="" type="radio"/> XIX <input type="radio"/> XXI	

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
May 1, 2026

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
Title XIX of the SSA

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)
a. FFY 2026 \$ 0
b. FFY 2027 \$ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT
Attachment 3.1A Page 6a (Continued) and Page 6a (Continued 1)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)
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9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
Revising the provider qualification requirements for Community Health Workers (CHW); removing the Nevada Certification Board as the required certification source. Updated language will allow all certifications from the NV Medicaid Approved CHW training programs. Limitation language updated.

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME
ANN JENSEN

13. TITLE
ADMINISTRATOR, NVHA/NEVADA MEDICAID

14. DATE SUBMITTED
March 10, 2026

15. RETURN TO
Ann Jensen, Administrator
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16. DATE RECEIVED
March 10, 2026

17. DATE APPROVED
May 15, 2026

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
May 1, 2026

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
[Signature]

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Nicole McKnight

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Acting Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS

Doula Services:

A doula is a non-medically trained professional who provides education, emotional and physical support during pregnancy, labor/delivery, and postpartum period.

Services:

The following doula services are covered:

- a. Emotional support, including bereavement support
- b. Physical comfort measures during peripartum (i.e. labor and delivery)
- c. Facilitates access to resources to improve health and birth-related outcomes
- d. Advocacy in informed decision making
- e. Evidence-based education and guidance

Service Limitations:

Pursuant to 42 CFR Section 440.130(c), doula services are preventive services and must be recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts within their scope of practice under state law. Service limitations may be exceeded based on medical necessity. Prior authorization is required.

Any services requiring medical or clinical licensure are not covered.

Provider Qualifications:

Approved certification from a Nevada Medicaid-approved Doula training program must be obtained prior to rendering services.

Community Health Worker (CHW) Services:

Community Health Workers live in or otherwise have a connection to the community in which they provide services. They are trained by a provider of health care to provide certain services which do not require the CHW to be licensed. They provide services at the direction of a licensed provider of health care which may include outreach and the coordination of health care. All rendered services must be documented in a recipient's medical record.

Services:

The following CHW services are covered:

- a. Guidance in attaining health care services.
- b. Identify recipient needs and provide education from preventive health services to chronic disease
- c. Providing information on health and community resources, including making referrals to appropriate health care services.
- d. Connect recipients to preventive health services or community services to improve health outcomes.
- e. Provide education including but not limited to, medication adherence, tobacco cessation, and nutrition.
- f. Promote health literacy, including oral health.

Service Limitations:

CHW services are recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts within their scope of practice in accordance with state law. Service limitations may be exceeded based on medical necessity. Prior authorization is required.

Provider Qualifications:

Approved certification from a Nevada Medicaid-approved CHW training program must be obtained prior to rendering services.

Community Health Representatives (CHR) Services:

Community Health Representatives are covered under the Preventive Services benefit at 1905(a)(13) and provide outreach, education, and social support to the tribal communities in which they live and know. They are trained through the Indian Health Services (IHS) CHR Training Program to provide certain services which do not require the CHR to be licensed. CHR's provide services at the direction of a licensed provider of health care in an IHS/Tribal Health Clinic.

Services:

The following CHR services are covered:

- a. Guidance in attaining health care services.
- b. Identify recipient needs and provide education from preventive health services to chronic disease
- c. Providing information on health and community resources, including making referrals to appropriate health care services.
- d. Connect recipients to preventive health services or community services to improve health outcomes.
- e. Provide education including but not limited to, medication adherence, tobacco cessation, and nutrition.
- f. Promote health literacy, including oral health.

Provider Qualifications:

Completion of the Indian Health Service CHR Training Program.

A. Rehabilitative Services:

1. Mental Health Rehabilitation Services