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State/Territory Name:  Nevada

State Plan Amendment (SPA) #:  23-0016

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1) Approval Letter
2) CMS 179 Form/Summary Form (with 179-like data)
3) Approved SPA Pages
April 11, 2024

Stacie Weeks
Administrator
Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
1100 East William Street, Suite 101
Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Nevada State Plan Amendment (SPA) NV-23-0016

Dear Administrator Weeks:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) NV-23-0016. This amendment proposes to increase reimbursement rates for Doula providers and an additional 10% increase for services provided to rural recipients.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations under Section 1905(a)(13)(c). This letter informs you that Nevada’s Medicaid SPA (TN) NV-23-0016 was approved on April 10, 2024, with an effective date of October 01, 2023.

Enclosed are copies of Form CMS-179 and approved SPA pages to be incorporated into the Nevada State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Cecilia Williams at (667) 414-0674 or via email at Cecilia.Williams@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Ruth Hughes,
Acting Director
Division of Program Operations

cc: Evette Cullen
    Sean Linehan
    Jenifer Graham
    Kimberly Adam
    Theresa Carsten
    Casey Angres
**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

**FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

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

**TRANSMITTAL NUMBER**  
23-0016

**STATE**  
NV

**PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT**  
XIX

**PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE**  
October 1, 2023

**FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION**  
State Plan Under Title XIX of the Social Security Act under 1905(a)(13)(c)

**FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)**

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**PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT**  
Nevada Medicaid State Plan Attachment 4.19-B page 3a & 3a cont

9. **SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT**

This proposed amendment will increase reimbursement rates for Doula providers and an additional 10% increase for services provided to rural recipients.

10. **GOVERNOR’S REVIEW**

- [ ] GOVERNOR’S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT
- [ ] COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR’S OFFICE ENCLOSED
- [ ] NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

11. **SIGNATURE OF STATE OFFICIAL**

[Signature]

12. **TYPED NAME**  
RICHARD WHITLEY

13. **TITLE**  
DIRECTOR, DHHS

14. **DATE SUBMITTED**  
September 27, 2023

15. **RETURN TO**  
Sandie Ruybalid, Deputy Administrator  
DHCFP/Medicaid  
1100 East William Street, Suite 101  
Carson City, NV 89701

16. **DATE RECEIVED**  
September 27, 2023

17. **DATE APPROVED**  
April 10, 2024

18. **EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL**  
October 01, 2023

19. **SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL**  
Digitally signed by Ruth Hughes

20. **TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL**  
Ruth A. Hughes

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

22. **REMARKS**

- 10/17/23: State concurred with pen and ink change to Box 5 via email.
- 03/08/24: State concurred with pen and ink changes to Boxes 7 and 8 via email.
**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 beginning April 1, 2022:

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.

Doula services for the same recipient and pregnancy are limited to a maximum of the following:

a. Four visits during the prenatal/antepartum and/or postpartum period (up to 90 days postpartum).
b. One visit at the time of labor and delivery.

Prior authorization may be submitted for any additional Doula services after the initial service limits are exhausted.

Any services requiring medical or clinical licensure are not covered.

**Provider Qualifications:**
Approved certification from the Nevada Certification Board as a doula must be obtained prior to rendering services.
12. a. Dentures: lower of a) billed charge, or b) fixed fee per unit value. See also 10.

b. Prosthetic devices: (1) hearing aids: wholesale cost plus fixed fee; (2) all others: retail charge less negotiated discount.

c. Eyeglasses: (1) frames: wholesale cost to a fixed maximum; (2) lenses: laboratory invoice cost; (3) material services: lower of a) billed charge, or b) fixed fee per Medicaid assigned unit value.

Assurance: State developed fee schedule rates are the same for both public and private providers for dentures, prosthetic devices and eyeglasses. The Agency’s fee schedule rates were set as of January 1, 2017 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the Agency’s website at: http://dhcfp.nv.gov/Resources/Rates/FeeSchedules/

13. a. Other diagnostic services: lower of a) billed charges, or b) fixed fee per unit value.

b. Other screening services: lower of a) billed charges, or b) fixed fee per unit value.

c. Other preventive services: lower of a) billed charges, or b) fixed fee per unit value.

1. Medical Nutrition Therapy
Payment for medical nutrition therapy services billed by a Licensed and Registered Dietician will be calculated using the January 1, 2014 unit values for the Nevada specific resource based relative value scale (RBRVS) and the 2014 Medicare Physicians Fee Schedule conversion factor. Payment for Medicine Codes 90000 – 99199 will be reimbursed the lower of billed charges or 63% of the Medicare non-facility rate.

2. Doula
Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2023, doula services provided during labor and delivery (includes antepartum and postpartum period) are reimbursed at the lower of billed charges or the amounts specified below:

i. Codes 59409, 59514, 59612 and 59620; $900.00

ii. Code S9445; $100.00

iii. A 10 percent increase to rates identified in i.-ii. will be provided for services rendered to recipients residing outside of urban Washoe and urban Clark counties.

3. Community Health Worker (CHW):
Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2023, payment for services will be calculated using the January 1, 2014 unit values for the Nevada-specific RBRVS and the 2014 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule conversion factor or the first year the applicable code appears on the Medicare fee schedule, whichever is later. Payment will be the lower of billed charges, or the amounts specified below:
a. Medicine Codes 90000 – 99199 will be reimbursed at 60% of the Medicare non-facility rate.

d. Other rehabilitative services: PROVIDED WITH LIMITATIONS

Assurance: State developed fee schedule rates are the same for both public and private providers for other diagnostic, screening, Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT) services, Doula services and rehabilitative services. The Agency’s fee schedule rates for MNT services were set as of January 1, 2018 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. The Agency’s fee schedule rates for Doula services rates were set as of October 1, 2023 and are effective for services provided on or after that date. Community Health Worker rates were set as of July 1, 2023 and are effective for services provided on or after those dates. All rates are published on the Agency’s website at:
http://dhcfp.nv.gov/Resources/Rates/FeeSchedules/