

FUND FOR A HEALTHY NEVADA:

**Opportunity to Support
the Medicaid Program and
Expand Access to Care**

CURRENT FUNDING

- DHHS currently uses money from the Fund to pay for programs that improve access to care for indigent Nevadans across the State.
- The Fund can be used to support:
 - ▶ Improving health of Nevadans
 - ▶ Treating the use of tobacco
 - ▶ Health services for children
 - ▶ Prescription drug programs
 - ▶ Dental and vision benefits



PROPOSAL

- Nevada Clinical Services, Inc. (“NCS”) is a nonprofit corporation supported by sixteen private Nevada hospitals, which furnishes charity care to indigent Nevadans across the State.
- NCS targets charity opportunities that provide a direct benefit to Nevada residents and that do not represent an ongoing legal obligation for DHHS.



PROPOSAL

- NCS has expressed interest in providing some of the services that are currently supported by the Fund.
- Assuming NCS takes on these services as charity, DHHS will experience a savings. DHHS proposes to use a portion of the savings (approx. 70%) to support the Medicaid program, and a portion of the savings (approx. 30%) to fund new or existing DHHS programs that improve access to care for indigent Nevadans across the State.



BENEFIT OF PROPOSAL

- The savings DHHS experiences from NCS' charity expansion can be used to support new or expanded DHHS initiatives, such as:
 - ▶ Tobacco prevention and cessation
 - ▶ Tobacco outreach and education
 - ▶ Chronic disease treatment
 - ▶ Health promotion



BENEFIT OF PROPOSAL

- Safety-net hospitals across the State also benefit:
 - ▶ Safety-net private hospitals treat a significant number of Medicaid-eligible patients each year, and those hospitals must absorb over \$600 million in unreimbursed Medicaid costs annually.
 - ▶ Using tobacco funds to support the State's supplemental Medicaid payment program will allow safety-net hospitals to remain economically viable while expanding access to care for the most vulnerable Nevadans.

IMPROVING OUTCOMES

- Expanding DHHS programs supported by the Fund and providing support to the State's supplemental Medicaid payment program will improve health outcomes by ensuring the continued provision of quality care for Nevada's indigent and Medicaid patients, our most vulnerable population.



DHHS' ONGOING INVOLVEMENT

- Under this program, DHHS will continue to:
 - ▶ Oversee the day-to-day provision of services.
 - ▶ Review provider invoices submitted to NCS to confirm the provision of services.
 - ▶ Provide recommendations to NCS.

INITIAL TARGETS

- Potential opportunities for services to transition include:
 - ▶ Hunger One-Stops
 - ▶ Senior & Disability Prescription Program
 - ▶ 2-1-1 Call Center
 - ▶ Differential Response
 - ▶ Family Resource Centers



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