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Department of Health and Human Services to Hold Hearings October 16 on Medicaid Regulations

Lincoln –The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care, is holding hearings on proposed regulations related to Medicaid payment for home health services and psychiatric residential rehabilitation services. The hearings will be held on Thursday, October 16, at the Nebraska State Office Building in Lincoln, 301 Centennial Mall South, lower level conference room A.

Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. CT

Comments will be taken on proposed regulations related to Medicaid payment for home health services. The proposed changes will remove the current requirement for DHHS to compare the costs of multiple home health services for an individual to the cost of nursing facility care and to recommend nursing facility care if the home health costs exceed nursing facility costs.

Public Hearing at 11:00 a.m. CT

Comments will be taken on proposed regulations related to Medicaid payment for psychiatric residential rehabilitation services. Current regulations limit Medicaid payment for these services to licensed facilities with no more than eight beds. The proposed change will increase that limit to 15 beds and will also eliminate the current provisions for waiver of the bed limitation.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments or to attend and comment at the hearing. Written comments must be postmarked or received by 5:00 p.m. CT the day of the hearing, and should be e-mailed to DHHS.RulesandRegs@nebraska.gov, faxed to 402-742-2382, or sent to DHHS Legal Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026. Copies of written comments and names of persons submitting them will be available after the hearing.

The draft regulations can be found at <http://www.sos.ne.gov>