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**RDAC - For Council consideration: Anthem Medicaid policy change effective July 1**

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Hello RDAC (Bcc'd),

Please see the below email from Chair Logan-Parker.

Dear Council members,

This is an informational notice. I am sharing background on a Nevada Medicaid managed care policy change that I intend to place on the agenda for our June 5, 2026 Council meeting.

On April 1, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Healthcare Solutions — Nevada's Medicaid managed care plan — announced a reimbursement policy change (Policy G-05016) effective July 1, 2026. Under the new policy, when a sick visit occurs on the same day as a preventive medicine visit, the sick visit will be reimbursed at 50% of the applicable fee schedule or contracted rate. Providers are prohibited from balance billing members. The full announcement is available at <https://anthem.com/nv/provider>.

The policy has implications for the rare disease population the Council represents. Well-child visits for children with rare diseases involve clinical complexity not present in typical visits, and same-day evaluation of new symptoms is often clinically necessary to distinguish disease-related concerns from incidental ones. The new reimbursement structure creates financial pressure on practices serving these patients in ways that may affect access over time.

I intend to place this item on the agenda for the Council's June 5, 2026 meeting for discussion. I am sharing this notice now so that members have time to review the policy and consider it individually before the meeting.

Consistent with Nevada Open Meeting Law, I am not soliciting member reactions, positions, or discussion on this matter outside of the public meeting. Council deliberation on the policy, and any decision about Council response, will take place at the June 5 meeting or a subsequent properly noticed meeting.

If any Council member would like additional background material for individual review, please let me know and I will provide it.

Thank you,

Annette

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