

Subj: **RE: Nevada Partnership Reciprocity Question**  
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My responses to the questions are in blue below.  
 The state plan page is attached to the email.

Hope this helps,

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**From:** ltcshelton@aol.com [mailto:ltcshelton@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 29, 2009 1:55 PM  
**To:** DENA Schmidt  
**Subject:** Re: Nevada Partnership Reciprocity Question

perfect, Dena - thanks for such a quick answer!

Are you also qualified to answer these Medicaid-related questions? I've been trying to reach Marta Stagliano or Patty Thompson in DHS but their emails have bounced back. If these questions don't fall in your area, perhaps you might have an email for them? Thanks again.

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1) Does the policyholder have to exhaust the benefits before applying for Medicaid? I hope the answer is "no" to this one as it is in almost all the other states. Inflation could be higher than anticipated, for example, and the insurance benefit plus the person's income may fall short of the actual charge, thereby making it desirable to ask Medicaid for help.

**No, they do not have to exhaust the benefits, we treat the insurance payment as third party liability as long as it is being paid to the facility.**

2) Assuming the answer to #1 is "yes", will Nevada allow the amount of asset disregard to grow once someone is on Medicaid and the insurance policy is continuing to pay benefits? The DRA says the amount is determined upon the date of eligibility for Medicaid, but a number of states say because they do eligibility verification on an ongoing basis, they allow the amount to grow at each eligibility checkpoint. Thanks for your help. We really want to have accurate information for each state in our course. **We do not allow the asset disregard to grow, it is the amount paid out by the policy as of the date of Medicaid eligibility.**

3) Does Nevada plan to participate in the reciprocity of the asset disregard with other states? In other words, someone could buy a Partnership policy in Texas then move to Nevada. I'm assuming you would provide the asset disregard for that person the same as you would a person who was a Nevada resident and bought a Nevada Partnership policy.

4) Home equity limit for a Medicaid applicant without a spouse or other qualified family member living in the home? Is it \$500,000? **Yes, Nevada opted for \$500,000**

Finally, do you happen to have a copy of the State Plan Amendment that was approved? Peter Rao showed me from the insurance regulations that the effective date was January 1, 2007 so it would be nice to have a copy of the SPA.

In a message dated 12/29/2009 3:25:59 P.M. Central Standard Time, DSCHMIDT@dwss.nv.gov writes:

Phyllis

Yes, Nevada is participating in reciprocity with other states. If the policy was issued by another state, we would require the applicant to show proof they were a resident in that state at the time they purchased the policy.

Thanks,

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**From:** Ltcshelton@aol.com [mailto:Ltcshelton@aol.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 29, 2009 11:12 AM

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Hi Dena - I just left you a VM but let me repeat my question here.

I am President of a company that provides the mandatory training for insurance agents to sell long-term care insurance in Nevada. It is called LTCiTraining.com ([www.LTCiTraining.com](http://www.LTCiTraining.com)) I had several questions about the Nevada Partnership and Peter Rao, an actuary in the Nevada insurance department was kind enough to answer my questions on the insurance side. However, I have one question that it appears you might be able to answer since he said you provided the insurance policy information form which establishes the Partnership benefits in order to establish the amount of asset protection available when one applies for Medicaid. (As you know, consumers who purchase long-term care insurance policies that comply with the Partnership requirements are entitled to an asset disregard equal to the amount of benefits paid out when they apply for Medicaid.)

However, my question for you is does Nevada plan on participating in reciprocity with other states?

In other words, someone could buy a Partnership policy in Texas then move to Nevada. I'm assuming you would provide the asset disregard for that person the same as you would a person who was a Nevada resident and bought a Nevada Partnership policy.

I really appreciate your help. I want to be sure the Nevada producers who take our course get the correct information about the Nevada Long-Term Care Partnership and how it works. Thanks, Dena.

*Phyllis*

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