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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
Serrell Smokey, ITCN President
Tribal Chairman of Washoe Tribe
919 Highway 395 South
Gardnerville, Nevada 89410

Dear Tribal Members:

In accordance with established consultation guidelines, the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) is notifying Nevada tribes of the following proposed change in policy:

The DHCFP is proposing revisions to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 200 – Hospital Services to clarify elective/non-medically necessary cesarean sections are not a covered service. Additionally, revisions are being proposed to align the number of covered inpatient days before a prior authorization is needed for labor and delivery in accordance with the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act (NMHPA). The act describes hospital stays for vaginal deliveries as no less than 48 hours and 96 hours for cesarean-section deliveries.

Additionally, the DHCFP is proposing revisions to timeframes for rollovers to inpatient care requiring a prior authorization from 24 hours to 5 business days. In accordance with 42 CFR 440.2, observation stays which do not rollover to inpatient status are being changed from 48 hours to less than 24 hours.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the Tribal Governments.

If you would like a consultation regarding this proposed change in policy, please contact Monica Schiffer at (775) 684-3653 who will schedule a meeting. We would appreciate a reply within 30 days from the date of this letter. If we do not hear from you within this time, we will consider this an indication that no consultation is requested.

Sincerely,

Casey Angres

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