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DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND POLICY

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January 3, 2022

Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada  
Serrell Smokey, ITCN President  
Tribal Chairman of Washoe Tribe  
919 Highway 395 S  
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:

With the recent approval of Senate Bill 156 during the 2021 Legislative Session, DHCFP is proposing revisions to the Nevada Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 400 – Mental Health and Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services and the Medicaid State Plan Attachment (SPA) 4.19-B pages 4a & 4b to ensure that crisis stabilization services provided at hospitals with a crisis stabilization center endorsement are covered and reimbursable services under Nevada Medicaid. The goal of this legislation is to add a place to go as a critical element of the crisis continuum of care to support an array of crisis services critical in caring for individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis. New policy includes scope of services for crisis stabilization centers, primary objective, requirements, best practices, provider responsibilities, and admission criteria. Crisis stabilization centers best patient outcomes may include immediate care and positive behavioral health crisis response. SPA language will address the rate methodology utilized for a daily rate of service. Providers will be reimbursed a daily default rate and after an individual and complete fiscal year of providing services, providers will be allowed to complete a cost report, of which an individual rate will be calculated.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the Tribal Government.

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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