



June 17, 2020

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:

The DHCFP is proposing updates to Medicaid Service Manual (MSM) Chapter 190 – Transportation Services, Section 1904, Non-Emergency Transportation (NET) Services, to align policy with amendments made to the contract held with the DHCFP's NET vendor, Medical Transportation Management, Inc. (MTM). The changes remove meal reimbursement and lodging as a covered transportation benefit, it will require recipients to request transportation to any out-of-area medical appointments at least 21 days in advance, and transportation of an escort traveling with a recipient to and from a Residential Treatment Center will no longer be covered. Additionally, the reimbursement language for Indian Health Programs and Tribal Community Health Representatives (CHRs) clarifies the reimbursement rate is equivalent to double the IRS business mileage rather than the IRS medical mileage; this does not affect the current rate Indian Health Programs and Tribal CHRs are being reimbursed. As with all policy updates, grammatical changes were made, acronyms used and standardized, and language was reworded for clarity. Renumbering and re-arranging of sections may also be necessary.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the Tribal Governments.

If you would like a consultation regarding this proposed change in policy, please contact Crystal Biselli at (775) 684-3722 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,

Cody L. Phinney

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