



July 15, 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:

Revisions are being made to the Nevada Medicaid Services Manual Chapter 1000 - Dental, Medicaid State Plan, Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP), and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to eliminate all dental services for recipients age 21 years and older, with the exception of pregnant women. Also, all children's dental services will be eliminated for recipients under the age of 21 years old, unless they are identified as medically necessary under an Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) evaluation. The dental benefit is currently carved out of managed care and managed by a dental benefits administrator; however, this contract may be terminated as a result due to statewide budget cuts. If so, all dental benefits will remain carved out of managed care, and if the contract termination occurs, then the remaining dental benefits will be managed by the DHCFP's QIO-like vendor, DXC. The elimination of dental coverage is being made in an effort to reduce current costs to the Medicaid program and to address the Governor's mandated budget cuts.

At this time, the fiscal impact for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021 is estimated to result in an approximate savings of \$29,656,837. The anticipated effective date of this policy change is August 1, 2020.

There may be an impact to the Tribal Government.

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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