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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 revisions to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM), Chapter 1200 – Prescribed Drugs, Appendix A, to reflect recommendations approved on July 23, 2020 by the Drug Use Review (DUR) Board. The proposed changes include revisions to the existing prior authorization criteria for psychotropic medications for children and adolescents, addition of new prior authorization criteria for Somavert<sup>®</sup> (pegvisomant), and addition of new prior authorization criteria for Valtoco<sup>®</sup> (diazepam). Furthermore, the DHCFP is proposing revisions to the existing prior authorization criteria within the Anti-Migraine Medication agents, to correct duplicative criteria.

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,

DuAne L. Young for DuAne L. Young for (Oct 5, 2020 10:39 PDT)

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