



October 1, 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 Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) released guidance related to Section 5022 of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Communities and Patients Act, referred to as the SUPPORT Act. This provision expands access to services by making behavioral health coverage a mandatory benefit for Separate Children Health Insurance Programs (SCHIP). This requires states with Separate CHIPs on the actions necessary to implement the requirements of Section 5022 of the SUPPORT Act.

The DHCFP is required to add a new section in the SCHIP State Plan, 6.2-BH Behavioral Health Coverage Section 2103(c)(5). The added language provides coverage to prevent, diagnose, and treat a broad range of mental health and substance use disorders in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner for all CHIP enrollees, including pregnant women and unborn children. Although we are required to add this language to SCHIP, State Plan currently provides all the required coverages as outlined. The scope of medical services available are described in the SSA, Section 1905(a).

There is no anticipated fiscal 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,


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