



December 11, 2020

Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
Serrell Smokey, ITCN President
Tribal Chairman of Washoe Tribe
919 Highway 395 S
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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 1900 - Transportation Services, Section 1904 Non-Emergency Transportation (NET) Services due to Assembly Bill 66 (AB66) from the 2019 Legislative Session. Policy updates include defining coverage of Non-Emergency Secure Behavioral Health Transport Services as the use of a motor vehicle, other than an ambulance or other emergency response vehicle, that is specifically designed, equipped and staffed by an accredited agent to transport a person alleged to be in a mental health crisis or other behavioral health condition, including individuals placed on a legal hold.

The DHCFP is also proposing updates to the Medicaid State Plan Attachment 3.1-A - Amount, Duration and Scope of Medical and Remedial Care and Services Provided to the Categorically Needy (Pages 9, 9a, and 9b) and Nevada Medicaid State Plan Attachment 3.1-D - Transportation (Pages 1 and 2) to include Non-Emergency Secure Behavioral Health Transport Services. Attachment 4.19-B - Payment for Medical Care and Services (Pages 4.4 and 4, addendum) will be updated with rate calculation methodology for Non-Emergency Secure Behavioral Health Transport Services.

In addition, the DHCFP is proposing updates to the Medicaid Alternative Benefit Plan, ABP5, Section 14 - Other 1937 Covered Benefits that are not Essential Health Benefits (Page 34), to include the service of Non-Emergency Secure Behavioral Health Transports.

The anticipated federal fiscal impact for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 is \$758,903 and FFY 2022 is \$1,597,338.

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,

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