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Suzanne Bierman,
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Administrator

May 17, 2021

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 (MSM) Chapter 400 – Mental Health and Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services and the Medicaid State Plan Attachment 4.19-B page 3 b and 3g to eliminate Biofeedback and Neurotherapy services for the treatment of a mental health diagnosis. Neurotherapy is individual psychological therapy incorporating biofeedback training combined with psychotherapy as a treatment for mental health disorders. The elimination of these services is being made as a result of the approved DHCFP budget during the 2021 Legislative session in effort to reduce current costs to the Medicaid program and to address the Governor's mandated budget cuts.

At this time, the fiscal impact is estimated to result in an approximate Federal fiscal year (FFY) share savings of:

FFY 2021: \$1,635,494

FFY 2022: \$7,699,117

FFY 2023: \$ 7,999,514

There is no anticipated 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,

Jessica Kemmerer

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HIPAA Privacy and Civil Rights Officer, DHCFP

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