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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND POLICY

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September 29, 2023

Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada  
Serrell Smokey, ITCN President  
Tribal Chairman of Washoe Tribe  
919 Highway 395 South  
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 and proposed update to the State Plan:

DHCFP is proposing a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Supplement 2 to Attachment 3.1-A – Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) pages 3, 4, 8, and 9, amendments to Medicaid Service Manual Chapter 600 – Physicians Services Section 610.2(A)(3) and 603.2(B)(7) and Medicaid Service Manual Chapter 3800 – Medication-Assisted Treatment Section 3802(B)(5). These proposed amendments will allow for services of a pharmacist to assess a patient to determine if the patient has an opioid use disorder, determine whether MAT is appropriate, counsel the patient and prescribe and dispense a drug for MAT at a rate equal to the rate of reimbursement provided to a Physician (PT 20), Physician Assistant (PT 77), or an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (PT 24) as required through the passing of Assembly Bill 156 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session.

There is currently no anticipated fiscal impact to Tribal Governments.

If you would like a consultation regarding this proposed change in policy, please contact Monica Schiffer at (775) 684-3653 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,

Casey Angres

Casey Angres (Sep 29, 2023 15:31 PDT)

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