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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:

Revisions to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 1200 - Prescribed drugs are being proposed to reflect recommendations approved on April 20, 2023, by the Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board. The proposed changes include the addition of new clinical and prior authorization criteria for Leqembi (lecanemab-irmb) within the Alzheimer's Disease Agents Section; updated existing clinical criteria for Epidiolex (cannabidiol), added new prior authorization criteria for Ztalmy (ganaxolone) within the Anticonvulsants Section; and addition of new prior authorization criteria for Verkazia® (cyclosporine) within the newly created Ophthalmic Anti-Inflammatory Agents Section.

There is 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 (May 11, 2023 13:39 PDT)

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