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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:

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) is proposing updates to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 2900 – Federally Qualified Health Centers for the behavioral and mental health and substance use treatment services delivered under a Medicaid-enrolled Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). The purpose for the proposed updates is to

- Add reference in Authority to Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act;
- Clarify qualified providers of allowable mental health and substance use services as intended in the existing policy and procedure;
- Clarify that allowable services include mental health and substance use including co-occurring treatment services;
- Clarify that appropriate tools be used for indication of mental health treatment, substance use treatment and to determine medical necessity;
- Update references for mental health and substance use treatment policies documentation requirements;
- Update Substance Use language throughout the chapter (in alignment with approved updates to MSM Chapter 400 – Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Use Services).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to Tribal Governments.

A Public Workshop to discuss the updates to MSM Chapter 2900 for the Behavioral and mental health and substance use treatment services delivered under a Medicaid-enrolled FQHC is scheduled for November 9, 2023, 10 AM – 12 PM. The information for this workshop can be found on the DHCFP website, [PublicNotices \(nv.gov\)](https://www.dhcfp.nv.gov/public-notices).

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

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