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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:

On September 17, 2021, per Section 9813 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) was awarded a state planning grant by the US Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to assist in the development and implementation of qualifying community-based mobile crisis intervention services under its Medicaid state plan. In addition, Section 9813 of the ARPA established Section 1947 of the US Social Security Act, which authorizes optional state plan coverage and reimbursement for qualifying mobile crisis intervention services with a temporarily enhanced 85 percent federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for 12 consecutive quarters during the timeframe of April 2022 to March 2027. Section 1947 also waives standard state plan requirements for statewideness, comparability, and provider choice, in addition to providing definition for qualifying community-based mobile crisis services.

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) has used the planning grant funding to work with Mercer USA, a contractor, in the development of requirements for a Designated Mobile Crisis Team (DMCT) that will be in compliance with Section 1947 of the US Social Security Act for qualifying community based mobile crisis intervention services. Nevada will be eligible to receive the enhanced FMAP for the delivery of these qualifying community based mobile crisis services and providers enrolled as a DMCT will be eligible to receive an enhanced rate for these services. Updates to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 400 – Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse Services will include provider qualifications that will allow Nevada Medicaid to enroll providers for the delivery of mobile crisis intervention services delivered by DMCTs beginning July 1, 2023; this enrollment will be built upon certification standards developed for the grant by Mercer USA. The proposed policy additionally outlines policy standards for mobile crisis services delivered by a DMCT. DHCFP held a Public Workshop on March 31, 2023, to present new Chapter 400 language for DMCTs and a rate methodology for payment.

Fiscal Impact to Tribal Governments is unknown at this time.

This information is tentatively scheduled to be presented at Public Hearing held May 30, 2023. Please find public notices for these meetings on the DHCFP website, <https://dhcfp.nv.gov/>, or contact the Behavioral Health Unit for assistance, behavioralhealth@dhcfp.nv.gov.

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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