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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:

DHCFP is proposing edits to Medicaid Service Manual Chapter 3400 – Telehealth Services to align with the passing of Senate Bill 119 of the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session. Senate Bill 119 provides authority for the state to pay the nonfederal share of expenses for services in the same amount as in person or by other means for counseling or treatment relating to a mental health condition or a substance use disorder, including, without limitation, when such counseling or treatment is provided through audio-only interaction. Revisions made will remove any limitations for the service delivery of behavioral health services and incorporate the need for service delivery to be medically necessary and clinically appropriate based on the individual's treatment needs.

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

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