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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 update to the State Plan and change in policy:

The Division is proposing an amendment to Nevada Medicaid State Plan attachment 4.19-B, page 2b, to establish a new reimbursement methodology for special clinics that primarily treat children with cancer and other rare diseases. During the 2023 (82nd) Nevada Legislative Session, Senate Bill (SB) 221 was passed and signed into law. SB 221 requires that the Division “establish billing guidelines and a rate methodology for clinics... that are consistent with prevailing best practices for reimbursing such clinics.”

The Division is proposing to reimburse such clinics via a bundled encounter visit rate for all medical services. Given the extensive regulatory structure surrounding Medicaid payments for pharmacy services, the Division plans to define the new clinic encounter service to exclude pharmacy services. The all-inclusive rate will capture all other services provided by such clinics when services are rendered for recipients enrolled in Medicaid.

The estimated total computable impact of this change is:

SFY 2024: \$747,039

SFY 2025: \$2,349,426

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 (Oct 30, 2023 20:50 PDT)

Casey Angres
Division Compliance Chief, DHCFP

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