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January 29, 2024

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 are being made to the Nevada Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 400 – Mental Health and Alcohol and Substance Use Services and the Medicaid State Plan Attachment 4.19-B page 3b and 3g to eliminate Biofeedback and Neurotherapy services for the treatment of a mental health diagnosis. Neurotherapy is individual psychological therapy incorporating biofeedback training combined with psychotherapy as a treatment for mental health disorders. The elimination of these services was initially approved during Public Hearing on June 29, 2021. Due to the maintenance of effort requirements of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), services needed to be maintained until the end of the Home Community Based Services (HCBS) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) period which is April 2024. During the 82nd Legislative Session (2023), the DHCFP budget was approved through Senate Bill 504 which includes the removal of Neurotherapy and Biofeedback as independently reimbursed services for the treatment of a mental health diagnosis.

At this time, the fiscal impact is estimated to result in an approximate State fiscal year (SFY) share savings of:

SFY 2024:	\$ 1, 156, 958
SFY 2025:	\$ 5, 366, 109

There is no anticipated impact on the Tribal Government.

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 (Jan 29, 2024 10:35 PST)

Casey Angres
Division Compliance Chief, DHCFP

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