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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 revisions to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 400-Mental Health and Alcohol and Substance Use Services to remove the requirement for Provider Type 14/814 Behavioral Health Outpatient Treatment, also known as Behavioral Health Community Network (BHCN) providers, to submit a Quality Assurance (QA) program to DHCFP. A QA program was a document created by a BHCN that outlines how the agency will assess quality measures and seek to improve services on an ongoing basis. The DHCFP Managed Care and Quality Assurance (MCQA) Unit no longer utilizes these documents for quality assurance measurements, so updates are being proposed to remove the submission criteria.

There is currently no anticipated fiscal 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 21, 2024 12:54 PST)

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