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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
Executive Board President
Vinton Hawley, Chairman
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P.O. Box 256
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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:

The final rule for the Mental Health Parity and Addictions Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act was published on March 30, 2016. This rule is a federal mandate that requires access to mental health/substance use disorder services to be equal in access to medical/surgical services for both the Medicaid and Nevada Check Up programs by October 2, 2017. The DHCFP is in the process of conducting a compliance review of all Medicaid Service Manual policies and Managed Care Organization policies to ensure compliance with the federal mandate in providing equal access to care for mental health/substance use disorders and medical/surgical services. The DHCFP may need to modify policy to ensure compliance with the federal regulation. The DHCFP will notify the tribes of any changes to policy after the review is complete.

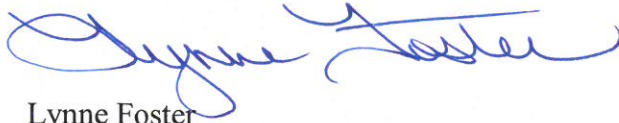
The fiscal impact of compliance with MHPAEA cannot be determined until the compliance analysis is completed. The DHCFP will provide you a follow-up notification and a copy of the DHCFP compliance report on or before October 2, 2017.

If you would like a consultation regarding this new policy, please contact Colleen McLachlan at (775) 684-3722 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.

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Sincerely,



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