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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
Executive Board President
Vinton Hawley, Chairman
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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 policy changes.

Medicaid Service Manual, Chapter 200, Hospital Services, policy revisions are being proposed to make changes to prior authorization requirements as follows:

- Add language regarding the evaluation of medical necessity and appropriateness of inpatient admissions and clarifying inpatient admissions that do not require authorization.
- Delete the elective cesarean sections prior authorization requirement.
- Change language to extend provider authorization submission timeframes for most non-elective inpatient admissions and for concurrent reviews.
- Add language regarding authorization requirements when there is a change in a recipient's eligibility between FFS and/or MCOs during an inpatient stay.

Medicaid Service Manual Chapter 400 policy revisions are proposed to align with Chapter 200 for inpatient psychiatric and alcohol/substance use disorder emergent admissions, concurrent requests, and a change in a recipient's eligibility between FFS and/or MCOs.

Changes to Medicaid Service Manual Chapters 400 and 100 are proposed to align with Chapter 200, when a provider is not enrolled with Nevada Medicaid at the time of a recipient's admission.

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There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the tribes.

If you would like a consultation regarding this new policy, please contact Tanya Benitez 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.

Sincerely,



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