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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada  
Executive Board President  
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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 DHCFP is proposing policy changes to the Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 400, Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse Services. Proposed changes include allowing Psychological Interns as an eligible qualification to enroll as a Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP).

Additional changes to MSM Chapter 400 exclude Interns and Psychological Assistants under the QMHP provider qualification from functioning as a clinical supervisor.

The DHCFP acknowledges that this will expand the tribe's provider qualifications allowing additional providers to bill for services. Changes to the Clinical Supervision requirements may impact the tribes if they are currently allowing these providers to function as Clinical Supervisors.

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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Chief of Division Compliance

Cc: Elizabeth Aiello, Deputy Administrator, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)  
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