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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
Executive Board President
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1745 Silver Eagle Drive
Elko, Nevada 89801

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 Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) along with the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), as part of the National Governor's Association Policy Academy, is seeking approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to implement an innovative, cost-effective approach to address the behavioral health issues in Nevada's youth population (age 11-18 years) that transitions the current crisis-based service system to a system of prevention and early intervention. The DHCFP and the DPBH are scheduling workshops to receive public and stakeholder input in the development of this project. A State Plan Amendment or a waiver may be necessary in order to implement components of this program.

The utilization of behavioral health screenings is expected to increase; the fiscal impact is unknown at this time.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurie Squartsoff".

Laurie Squartsoff
Administrator

Cc: Elizabeth Aiello, Deputy Administrator
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