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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 changes and modifications to policy.

Medicaid Service Manual Chapter 200, Hospital Services, will be changed to specify that all outpatient services rendered to a recipient by the same provider, on the same calendar date and for the same or a similar diagnosis as an inpatient admission are not reimbursed. These services are included in the first day, hospital per diem rate. In addition, policy will be changed to specify timeframes required, in cases of premature delivery or emergency abdominal surgery, between when a sterilization consent form meeting federal requirements must be signed and the sterilization can be performed for a claim to be reimbursed by Medicaid. This is a federal requirement. Other modifications will be made to clarify policy only and will not change policy/ policy intent.

In addition, the administrative days, hospitals with swing beds and observation service policies currently in the main body of Chapter 200 will be moved to the end of Chapter 200. Changes will be made in each of these attachments regarding covered and noncovered services and provider responsibilities.

The fiscal impact is unknown. The aforementioned changes to Chapter 200 may have an impact on Tribal Clinics and American Indian or Alaskan Native recipients.

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 whether or not you would like this consultation, however if we do not hear from you within 30 days from the date of this letter we will consider that an indication that no consultation is requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie Squartsoff".

Laurie Squartsoff
Administrator

Cc: Elizabeth Aiello, Deputy Administrator
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