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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
Executive Board President
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Elko Band Council
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.

A State Plan Amendment is being submitted to reflect an increase in reimbursement and coverage from three encounters per day for covered healthcare professionals to five encounters per day. The Medicaid Services Manual, Chapter 3000 will be updated, upon the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, to reflect this policy change. The increase in encounters will have a positive financial impact to Tribal Governments.

In addition, a State Plan Amendment will be submitted to add the covered healthcare professionals as part of the encounter; Marriage and Family Therapist, Clinical Professional Counselor, and Clinical Social Worker. These professionals are currently allowed under Medicaid Services Manual, Chapter 3000. The submission of the State Plan Amendment is a technical process to align the state plan and policy manual. The addition of these professionals has no fiscal impact on the Tribal Governments.

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 that 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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