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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
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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 proposed changes to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 400, Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse Services, will be clarifying language to promote the importance of the System of Care core philosophy and approach of family driven, community based and culturally and linguistically competent services, and ensuring that recipients will receive individualized comprehensive health services that promote collaboration between providers and utilize evidence-based practices and continue to be family driven community-based services. This is not a change to policy, but further clarification.

Proposed language will also be added to MSM Chapter 400 to align with the new Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) services and refer providers to MSM Chapter 1500, Healthy Kids Program, for further clarification. The addition of the ABA policy will be effective January 1, 2016.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact with the updates to this policy. The proposed revisions are further clarifying the policy.

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

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