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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, Long Term Acute Care (LTAC) and Medical Rehabilitation Specialty Hospital policies will be clarified and moved from the main body of Chapter 200 to Chapter 200 Attachments. There will be no change in policy intent regarding the LTAC Specialty Hospital policy.

Language will be added to the Medical Rehabilitation Specialty Hospital policy to allow: reimbursement of medical rehabilitation services as long as a minimum of fifteen (15) hours of therapeutic services are provided within a seven (7) consecutive day period; admission of a recipient with a brain injury on a trial basis; and a brief exception to the intensity of service rule. Language will also be added specifying: either physical or occupational therapy must be one of the therapy services provided; a recipient must be capable of making significant, measureable, functional improvement in activities of daily living within a specified period of time; non-covered services; and documentation and plan of care requirements. The intent of these changes is to facilitate the provision of medically necessary medical rehabilitation services to Medicaid recipients and to facilitate the authorization of these services.

There is no fiscal impact to the Tribes.

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 we will consider this an indication that no consultation is requested.

Sincerely,

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

Laurie Squartsoff
Administrator

Cc: Elizabeth Aiello, Deputy Administrator
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