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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.

Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 600, Policy #6-07, Attachment A Page 9, currently states that documentation of three-year medically supervised weight loss program and weight loss therapy including recipient efforts at dietary therapy, physical activity, behavior therapy, pharmacotherapy, combined therapy, or any other medically supervised therapy is required in order to qualify for bariatric surgery for the treatment of morbid obesity. A policy update will reduce the length of this requirement to three months. All other requirements for bariatric surgery remain the same.

Throughout the attachment, grammar, punctuation, and capitalization changes were made, duplications removed, acronyms used and standardized. Renumbering and re-arranging of the sections was necessary.

The DHCFP does not anticipate 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 within this time, we will consider this an indication that no consultation is requested.

Sincerely,

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

Laurie Squartsoff
Administrator

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