

## STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND POLICY** 

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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada **Executive Board President** Gerald Temoke, Tribal Chairman 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.

The DHCFP is amending the Medicaid State Plan to make the newly eligible childless adults ages 19-64 and the expanded parent & caretakers ages 19-64, who have been determined to be Seriously Mental III (SMI), and who are otherwise qualified for managed care, mandatorily enrolled in managed care. This population is newly eligible for Medicaid as a result of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). This change will ensure that these recipients will receive the comprehensive care they need within the managed care system.

The following State Plan sections will be revised to reflect the changes referenced above:

- 3.0 Services: General Provisions, 3.1 Attachment F
- 3.5 Medicaid for Medicare Cost Sharing for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries
- Alternative Benefit Plan, ABP8

American Indians and Alaskan Natives (AI/AN) who are members of federally recognized tribes will remain a voluntary population for managed care and may continue to opt out of managed care at any time. AI/ANs who voluntarily enroll in managed care may continue to access health care services from Indian Health Programs.

There will be no fiscal impact.

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.

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Sincerely,

Laurie Squartsoff Administrator

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