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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada Len George, ITCN President Tribal Chairman of Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe 565 Rio Vista Drive Fallon, NV 89406

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:

Proposed policy changes to Medicaid Services Manual, Chapter 400 – Outpatient Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse Services, is to clarify language surrounding Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) services and the requirement of a prior authorization (PA) before services are rendered.

Additional language will also be added to Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) services to outline appropriate and best practices for service limitations and clarify the requirements for a PA before services are rendered.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the Tribal Government.

If you would like a consultation regarding this proposed change in policy, please contact Crystal Biselli 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,

Tammy Moffitt
Chief of Operations

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