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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
Anthony Sampson, ITCN President
Tribal Chairman of Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
P.O. Box 256
Nixon, Nevada 89424

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 proposing a revision to the Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 400 – Behavioral Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse Services, Sections 403.9 and 403.10, to allow five business days for prior authorizations for emergency admissions to inpatient psychiatric hospitals and/or general hospitals with psychiatric units. In addition, concurrent authorizations will be allowed to be submitted within five business days of the last day of the current/existing authorization.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cody L. Phinney".

Cody L. Phinney
Deputy Administrator, DHCFP

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