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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
Chairwoman Wanda Batchelor,
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919 Highway 395 South
Gardnerville, NV 89410

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.

Chapter 400 of the Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) is the Medical Coverage Policies and Procedures for Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse Services. This chapter outlines the covered benefits and service limitations for the behavioral health providers and various health care providers to understand allowable covered and non-covered services.

The proposed revisions to the MSM chapter 400 were made to clarify specific requirements as well as the coverage and limitations of day treatment services. The policy has been expanded to more clearly break out specific age groups and the criteria for services and non-covered services. The proposed policy revision also expands on the provider requirements and program criteria.

Additional proposed revisions to the MSM chapter 400 also include further clarification on the definition of group therapy versus individual therapy. This will assist in clearing up any confusion on what can be billed as individual therapy or group therapy.

There is no fiscal impact with the updates to this policy. The proposed revisions are clarifying the policy further.

If you would like a consultation regarding this new policy, please contact Crystal Johnson 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.

Sincerely,

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

Laurie Squartsoff
Administrator

Cc: Elizabeth Aiello, Deputy Administrator
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