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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada  
Serrell Smokey, ITCN President  
Tribal Chairman of Washoe Tribe  
919 Highway 395 S  
Gardnerville, Nevada 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:

The DHCFP is proposing revisions to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 400 – Mental Health and Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services, Attachment C – Substance Abuse Agency Model (SAAM) Level of Care Grid, to increase access to Level 1 Outpatient Services and to decrease administrative burden on providers. These revisions include, aligning psychotherapy session limitations with other behavioral health providers and updating service limitations for peer support services before prior authorization is required.

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,

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