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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:

As a result of the 81st session of the Nevada Legislation (2021), the DHCFP is proposing the development of three new provider services in the Nevada Medicaid State Plan, Attachment 4.19-B, Page 1d (continued). The description and fiscal impacts are as follows:

1. Doulas – Assembly Bill (AB) 256 and Senate Bill (SB) 420: A doula is a non-medical trained professional who provides education, emotional and physical support during pregnancy, labor, birth, and post-partum period. Doulas may provide services during the pregnancy, labor, birth, and post-partum period within the home, office, hospital, or obstetrics center setting.

The estimated related to the addition of Doula services is:

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 (\$264,108)

FFY 2023 (\$541,131)

2. Community Health Workers (CHW) – AB 191 and SB 420: Community health workers are able to provide recipients culturally and linguistically appropriate health education for the prevention and management of chronic disease under the supervision of a Nevada Medicaid enrolled physician, advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant.

The estimated fiscal impact related to the addition of CHW services is:

FFY 2022 (\$163,838)

FFY 2023 (\$538,013)

3. Registered Pharmacists – SB 190 and SB 325: Registered Pharmacists will have the capability to bill for the dispensing of self-administered hormonal contraceptives to any patient, and the prescribing, dispensing, and administration of drugs to prevent the acquisition of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), as well as ordering and conducting certain HIV laboratory tests.

There is no estimated fiscal impact for adding Registered Pharmacists.

Estimated total fiscal impact for all three new provider services:

FFY 2022 (\$427,946)

FFY 2023 (\$1,079,144)

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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