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

Revisions to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 400 - Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Use Services are being proposed to align with federal requirements for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs). A PRTF is a non-hospital facility that provides treatment at an inpatient level of care to children and youth under the age of 21 with complex behavioral health needs. Several policy revisions were done to strengthen language to help support youth, families and providers, including the additional requirement of obtaining the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) PRTF Certification, for a facility to become enrolled or remain enrolled as a Provider Type (PT) 63. Federal law requires any Residential Treatment Center (RTC)/PRTF seeking Medicaid reimbursement for services, rendered to youth through the psych under 21-benefit, to satisfy all federal and state requirements for PRTFs, including CMS PRTF certification. To be certified as a PRTF, the facility must meet the Conditions of Participation (CoP) found at 42 CFR, Part 483, Subpart G and 42 CFR Part 441, Subpart D. Section 403.8 of the MSM generally aligns with the federal requirements for PRTFs except for its references to RTCs and lack of specification regarding the need to obtain CMS PRTF certification. To ensure federal and state compliance, Nevada Medicaid is also updating its policy and changing RTC/PRTF provider requirements to include proof of PRTF certification from each RTC/PRTF currently enrolled, or those seeking enrollment, in Nevada Medicaid. Additionally, changes were made throughout the chapter to replace the language of RTC with PRTF.

As has been presented in prior workshops earlier this year on Children's Behavioral Health Services, plans for switching from cost negotiated rates to flat rates are being proposed with add-ons for facilities that can accept children under the age of 9 and/or children with complex needs. In addition, RTCs/PRTFs will have quality bonus payments tied to robust discharge planning, shortened lengths of stay and successful community transitions and low re-admissions. You can find more information on this at <https://dhcfp.nv.gov/Pgms/CPT/BHS/>.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to Tribal Governments.

If you would like a consultation regarding this proposed change in policy, please contact Nahayvee Flores-Rosiles at nflores-rosiles@dhcfp.nv.gov or (775) 350-0786 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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