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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND POLICY

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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 change in policy:

Revisions are being proposed to the Medicaid Service Manual (MSM) Chapter 4100 – Mental Health and Alcohol and Substance Use Service, to align service language in policy to that in the state plan. Revisions were made to provide clarification to covered services in the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria, Level 1, to align language for prior authorization to include the need for medical necessity, to replace “patient” with “recipient” throughout the chapter, and to cite the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 42 part 8 in the Opioid Treatment Program policy when needed. Additionally, Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) was replaced with its acronym to maintain consistency throughout the chapter. Clinical Social Work Interns, Marriage and Family Therapy Interns, and Clinical Professional Counselor Interns were added to the list of individuals who can perform substance use disorder (SUD) treatment.

Throughout the chapter, grammar, punctuation and capitalization changes were made, duplications were removed, acronyms were used and standardized, and language was reworded for clarity. Renumbering and re-arranging of sections was necessary.

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](mailto: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,

*Casey Angres*

Casey Angres (Aug 7, 2024 22:10 PDT)

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