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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:

The Division is proposing an amendment to the Nevada Medicaid State Plan Attachment 4.19-B, pages 1e (continued) and 1e (continued). During the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session, Senate Bill 439 was passed and signed into law. Per the terms of this bill, the Nevada Medicaid State Plan must be updated to allow advance practice registered nurses (APRNs) and physician assistants (PAs) to be paid in parity with physicians when providing services to test for, treat, or prevent human immunodeficiency virus or hepatitis C. Please note that although APRNs are included in Senate Bill 439 under specific circumstances, full parity for APRNs was included in Senate Bill 504 of the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session; as such, this agenda item only addresses parity for PAs under the conditions described in the bill. As such under NRS 422.27235 Provider Type 91, Pharmacists will be in parity with PT 77, Physician Assistants. All changes above will become effective April 1, 2024.

The total computable combined fiscal impact for all items above is as follows:

SFY 2024: Unknown due to lack of historical utilization

SFY 2025: Unknown due to lack of historical utilization

If you would like a consultation regarding this proposed change in policy, please contact Monica Schiffer at (775) 684-3653 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 (Mar 21, 2024 16:17 PDT)

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