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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
Serrell Smokey, ITCN President
Tribal Chairman of Washoe Tribe
919 Highway 395 South
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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 and Nevada Medicaid state plan:

DHCFP is proposing changes to the Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Addendum Section B Page 1 and Section M Page 3, as well as an amendment to the Medicaid State Plan (SPA) Attachment 3.1-C, Attachment 3.1-F Page 2-Page 3, and Attachment 1.4 Page 9 due to the Ensuring Access and Eligibility to Medicaid Services Final Rule which was published on April 22, 2024. The final rule revises 42 CFR 431.12 regarding the Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) and the Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC) as well as expands the scope of purpose of the committees and centers the lived experience of Medicaid members in decision making processes.

The changes being proposed to the state plan include renaming the Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) to the Medicaid Advisory Committee as well as the addition of the Beneficiary Advisory Council. The MAC and BAC were also listed in the Public Process section of the state plan to ensure the DHCFP utilizes these advisory groups to review and advise the agency regarding provisions of services to Medicaid beneficiaries. The MCAC was renamed to the MAC, and the BAC was incorporated into the Standards and Methods of Assuring High Quality Care section, to include the use of these advisory groups as a method to ensure high-quality care throughout the Medicaid program. Changes were also made to the Medicaid Services Manual Addendum Section B Page 1 and Section M Page 3 to add and revise the definitions of the BAC and MAC, respectively.

There is no estimated negative 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@dncfp.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 (Feb 21, 2025 16:01 PST)

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