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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
Serrell Smokey, ITCN President
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Dear Tribal Members:

In accordance with established consultation guidelines, the Nevada Health Authority (NVHA) is notifying Nevada tribes of the following proposed changes to policy and the state plan:

Services are being proposed to align with legislative requirements for Assembly Bill (AB) 514, Rehabilitative Residential Mental Health Care (RRMHC) which was passed in the 83rd (2025) legislative session. This legislation requires the Nevada Health Authority, Division of Nevada Medicaid to ensure RRMHC services are covered and reimbursable services under Medicaid for providers with proper licensure and accreditation. The goal of this legislation is to add a place to go as a critical element of the mental health continuum of care for people with complex behavioral health needs before they can return to their community. To ensure state compliance, Nevada Medicaid is proposing revisions to the Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 400 – Mental Health Services and the Medicaid State Plan Attachments 3.1-A page 6b.4 and 4.19-B page 3k to create the MSM policy and establish a State Plan for coverage and reimbursement of RRMHC services.

RRMHC means community-based, medically monitored care being provided in a residential setting that uses established rehabilitative principles to:

1. Promote the recovery of the client with a mental illness or other behavioral health condition; and
2. Assist the client in achieving psychiatric stability, personal and emotional adjustment, self-sufficiency and other skills necessary to transition to a more independent setting.

Proposed language for this new provider type name will be Community Residential Mental Health Services (CRMHS). It is a similar concept to current Nevada residential substance use disorder services for the low intensity residential setting. They must be community-based, in a group home setting with no more than 16 beds, serving as a short-term rehabilitative step down from the more structured Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF). They can also be used as a step up from community rather than placing within a PRTF initially. Unlike PRTFs, CRMHS facilities can provide services to help the adult population too.

There is going to be a new Provider Type (PT) specialty under the existing PT 63 which will be renamed to Rehabilitative Residential Treatment; PRTFs will be the second specialty under this PT. CRMHS providers will be reimbursed a per-diem rate to include psychiatric and psychological services including crisis assistance services, individual, family and group psychotherapy, medication management and education, psychoeducation services,

and family and peer support services. Room and board reimbursement is not provided. New MSM policy includes coverage and limitations, eligible providers, eligible recipients, admission, continued stay and discharge, including prior authorization for CRMHS, and provider responsibilities. State Plan language for the coverage page will address service definition (scope) and service limitations while the rates page will address the rate methodology utilized for a bundled daily rate of service.

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@nvha.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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