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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:

In April of 2021, DHCFP notified Nevada tribes of proposed submission of an 1115 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Demonstration Waiver application through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). In effort to combat the ongoing opioid crisis, CMS created an opportunity under the authority of section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act for states to demonstrate and test flexibilities to improve the continuum of care for beneficiaries with substance use disorders (SUDs) including Opioid Use Disorder.

After reviewing the initial Demonstration application submission with CMS, opportunity has been provided to further align the Demonstration application as well as Public Notice documents with 42 CFR 431.408 requirements. To ensure the tribes have full access to these revisions and new documents, there will be an additional 30-day public comment period to engage feedback before the Demonstration application is reviewed for completeness by CMS. Please review the provided Public Notice as well as Nevada's Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver application entitled "Nevada's Treatment of Opioid Use Disorders (OUDs) and Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) Transformation Project" and we invite any comments and questions.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact on the Tribal Government.

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

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