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To: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Subject: YOUTH REGIONAL TREATMENT CENTERS (YRTC)

This letter serves to inform Indian Health Programs (IHP) of the eligibility, referral, and payment processes for out-of-state YRTC services provided to American Indians who are Medi-Cal members.

Historically, these services were coordinated through the Federal Indian Health Service California Area Office (IHS/CAO) and paid for through the IHS YRTC risk pool funding. IHS funded tribally and federally operated YRTCs that are located out of state are now able to enroll as Medi-Cal providers and bill Medi-Cal directly for these services. The IHS/CAO will continue to cover the cost of transportation to and from the out-of-state YRTC as well as cover costs for services to American Indian youth who are not Medi-Cal members.

The responsibility for assessment, referral, health record documentation, and follow up after discharge will remain with the IHP that is the primary care provider and referring agency for the identified youth.

The following steps outline the YRTC process for American Indian youth who are Medi-Cal members:

- The referring IHP provider determines the need for residential substance use disorder treatment
- The referring IHP screens for Medi-Cal enrollment status. If eligible, but not a current Medi-Cal member, the IHP provides application information/ assistance

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- The referring IHP provider selects an age appropriate residential treatment program from those listed below, completes the IHS referral form to request travel assistance only, and also completes all required facility admission documents
- If the American Indian youth is IHS eligible and a Medi-Cal member, the identified YRTCs may bill Medi-Cal directly
- The IHS/CAO will continue to reimburse travel costs and cover treatment at non-Medi-Cal enrolled residential treatment centers
- After discharge, the referring provider resumes responsibility for care and follow up

In collaboration with IHS the following out of state IHS funded (Title 25 U.S.C. 1665c) tribally and federally operated YRTCs have been identified as possible placement locations (subject to availability) for American Indian youth Medi-Cal members.

ARIZONA

Desert Visions Youth Wellness Center
198 Skill Center Road
P.O. Box 458
Sacaton, AZ
(888) 431-4096
NPI 1689788200
Ages:12-18 at admission

NEVADA

Nevada Skies Youth Wellness Center
104 Big Bend Ranch Road
Wadsworth, NV
(775) 352-6840
NPI 1689800013
Ages: 12-18 at admission

WASHINGTON

The Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations (**Enrollment Pending**)
5600 East Eight Avenue
Spokane Valley, WA 99212
(509) 533-6910
NPI 1194035261
Ages: 13-17 at admission

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Thank you for your ongoing efforts in serving youth in need of residential substance use treatment. If you have questions please contact:

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