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Date:

To: Clark County Child Death Review Team

From: Nevada Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children

Re: 2020 Quarter 4 Recommendation

The Nevada Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children (Executive Committee) meets quarterly to review the reports and recommendations of the regional multidisciplinary child death review teams and respond to these recommendations. This can include, but is not limited to, making recommendations for improvements to laws, policies, and practices to prevent the deaths of children under eighteen (18) in Nevada.

In Quarter 4 of 2020, the Clark County Child Death Review Team submitted a recommendation to the Executive Committee that health insurance policies should not prevent individuals from filling prescriptions for mental health or physical health issues.

The Executive Committee has discussed this recommendation at their quarterly meetings on February 17, 2021, May 19, 2021, and August 18, 2021. In response to this recommendation, the Executive Committee has decided to focus on removing barriers with regard to filling prescriptions for mental health issues and asthma. Specifically, the Executive Committee will be contacting the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy to determine which asthma and psychotropic medications should be covered for children by all insurance companies without the delay of determining coverage. The Executive Committee will also contact the Insurance Commissioner and Nevada Medicaid for input regarding this recommendation. The Executive Committee will continue to provide updates on actions taken regarding this recommendation until it is considered closed.

The Executive Committee thanks you for your recommendation and values your commitment in preventing child deaths in the State of Nevada. Please feel free to reach out with any questions to Jessica Freeman, jfreeman@dcfs.nv.gov, 702-486-7711.

Respectfully,

The Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children