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Ross Armstrong
Administrator

Date:

To: Barbara Richardson, Nevada Insurance Commissioner
From: Nevada Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children
Re: Committee Recommendation

The Nevada Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children (Executive Committee) was established in 1994 with the primary goal of preventing child maltreatment and child deaths in Nevada by making recommendations for law, policy and practice changes, staff training, and public education.

Recommendations are submitted to the Executive Committee by state regional multidisciplinary child death review teams. The following recommendation has been reviewed by the Executive Committee and is being respectfully submitted to you, Barbara Richardson, Nevada Insurance Commissioner, for consideration.

Health insurance policies should not prevent individuals from filling prescriptions for mental health issues particularly for medication prescribed to assist individuals with suicidal ideation.

The Executive Committee has reached out to the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy which has identified the attached list of psychotropic medications that should be covered for children by all insurance companies without the delay of determining coverage. As it is the mission of the Nevada Division of Insurance to protect the rights of Nevada consumers in their experiences with the insurance industry, we suggest the following potential action be taken:

- Collaboration with the Executive Committee and/or regional Child Death Review Team members to further discuss how the recommendation can be implemented
- Consider the recommendation when setting ethical standards for insurance companies

The Executive Committee appreciates your consideration of this recommendation. Please contact Jessica Freeman at jfreeman@dcfs.nv.gov or 702-486-7711 to discuss how we can work together to prevent future child deaths in Nevada.

Respectfully,

The Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children