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Date: June 8, 2022
To: Chair of Interim Health Committee
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 regional review teams review the cases of child deaths in their county ([NRS 432B.403](#)) and make recommendations to the Executive Committee based on the data/trends that are found during case review. The following recommendation has been reviewed by the Executive Committee and is being respectfully submitted to the interim health committee for consideration.

Health insurance policies should not prevent individuals from filling prescriptions for mental health issues or asthma.

The Executive Committee began discussing this recommendation at the February 2021 meeting and it was decided at that time to write letters to the Nevada Insurance Commissioner, Board of Pharmacy and Nevada Medicaid. Between May 2021-February 2022, this recommendation continued to be discussed, including information from a senior policy advisor at DHHS about the concerns of removing the prior authorization requirement, and statute limitations on the Insurance Commissioner regarding removal of the requirement for prior authorization. It was recommended that the Executive Committee reach out to the Interim Health Committee to see if there would be an interest in further discussion or collaboration regarding this recommendation.

The Executive Committee is specifically asking that the requirement for prior authorization to fill prescriptions for mental health issues or asthma be removed. *NRS/NACs that support the prior authorization are _____ and would require revisions if this requirement was removed.*

The Executive Committee appreciates your consideration of this recommendation. If you would like to speak further about this topic, please contact Jessica Freeman at jfreeman@dcfs.nv.gov and she can facilitate a conversation with the Executive Committee Co-Chairs and/or members.

Respectfully,

The Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children