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**State/Territory Name: Nevada**

**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 16-008**

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August 2, 2016

Richard Whitley, Director  
Department of Health and Human Services  
4126 Technology Way, Suite 100  
Carson City, NV 89706

Dear Mr. Whitley:

Enclosed is an approved copy of Nevada State Plan Amendment (SPA) 16-008. This SPA adds language to acknowledge registered Psychological Interns as eligible to enroll as a Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) to perform behavioral health services within the scope of their licensures. It was submitted to my office on May 13, 2016.

The approval is effective April 1, 2016. Attached is a copy of the following page to be incorporated into your State Plan:

- Attachment 3.1-A, pg. 6b.5

If you have any questions, please contact Peter Banks by phone at (415) 744-3782 or by email at [Peter.Banks@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Peter.Banks@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

Henrietta Sam Louie  
Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

cc: Marta Jensen: Acting Administrator, DHCFP

<b>TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL</b>  <b>FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION</b>	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:  <b>16-008</b>	2. STATE:  <b>NEVADA</b>
	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE  <b>January 1, 2016 4/1/16 PB</b>	

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):

NEW STATE PLAN                     
  AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN                     
  AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:  State Plan XIX of Social Security Act: 42 CFR 447  NRS 641-Psychologists, Licensed Behavior Analysts, Licensed Assistant Behavior Analysts and Certified Autism Behavior Interventionists	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2016                      \$446,242.87 b. FFY 2017                      \$673,372.48
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8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:  <b><u>3.1-A, page 6b.5</u></b>	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):  <b><u>3.1-A, page 6b.5</u></b>
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10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:  
**The amendment adds language under section (a) of Provider Qualifications registered Psychological Interns. Language has been added to acknowledge registered Psychological Interns as eligible criteria to enroll as a Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) to perform behavioral health services within the scope of their licensure. There are approximately 24 Psychological Interns registered with their Board of Examiners**

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT                     
  OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:  
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED                     
 The Governor's Office does not  
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL                     
 wish to review the State Plan Amendment.

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 	16. RETURN TO:  Lynne Foster, Chief of Division Compliance DHCFP/Medicaid 1100 East William Street, Suite 101 Carson City, NV 89701
13. TYPED NAME: Richard Whitley	
14. TITLE: Director, Department of Health and Human Services	
15. DATE SUBMITTED: May 13, 2016	

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17. DATE RECEIVED: 5/13/16	18. DATE APPROVED: 8/2/2016
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**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 4/1/16	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 
21. TYPED NAME: Henrietta Sam Louie	22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator

23. REMARKS: Pen and Ink change: Updated proposed effective date in box 4 from 1/1/16 to 4/1/16.

the following: a graduate degree in counseling and a license as a marriage and family therapist, or a clinical professional counselor, or is employed by the State of Nevada mental health agency and meets class specification qualifications of a Mental Health Counselor. The following licensed interns are covered as a QMHP: Licensed clinical social worker intern, licensed marriage and family therapist intern, licensed clinical professional counselor interns, or a Psychological Intern registered through the Psychological Board of Examiners defined in NAC 641.165. Interns must be supervised in accordance with state regulations and may only provide services within the scope of their licensure.

- b. Qualified Mental Health Associate: A person who meets the following minimum documented qualifications; 1) Registered nurse OR 2) holds a bachelor's degree in a social services field with additional understanding of mental health rehabilitation services, and case file documentation requirements; AND 3) whose education and experience demonstrate the competency under clinical supervision to direct and provide professional therapeutic interventions within the scope of their practice and limits of their expertise, identify presenting problems, participate in treatment plan development and implementation, coordinate treatment, provide parenting skills, training, facilitate discharge plans, and effectively provide verbal and written communication on behalf of the recipient to all involved parties, AND 4) Has an FBI background check in accordance with the provider qualifications of a QBA.
- c. Qualified Behavioral Aide: A person who has an educational background of a high-school diploma or GED equivalent. A QBA may only provide the following services: basic skills training and peer support services. A QBA must have the documented competencies to assist in the provision of individual and group rehabilitation services which are under the direct supervision of a QMHP or QMHA, read, write and follow written or oral instructions, perform mental health rehabilitation services as documented in the treatment plan, identify emergency situations and respond accordingly, communicate effectively, document services provided, maintain confidentiality, successfully complete approved training program, CPR certification, and have completed an FBI criminal background check to ensure no convictions of applicable offenses have been incurred. QBA's are required to participate in and successfully complete an approved training program which includes basic training, periodic and continuing in service training. Training must be interactive and not solely based on self-study guides or videotapes and should ensure that a QBA will be able to interact appropriately with individuals with mental health disorders. Training must also include:
- Case file documentation;
  - Recipient's rights;
  - HIPAA compliance;
  - Communication skills;
  - Problem solving and conflict resolution skills;
  - Communication techniques for individuals with communication or sensory impairments; and
  - CPR certification