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NOTIFICATION TO CLIENT

PRIVACY ACT * RIGHT TO APPEAL * FRAUD

Before the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah (PITU), Behavioral Care Department can provide social services, we must obtain information about you and your family. The only information you need to give is information necessary for the Behavioral Care Department to decide if you qualify for help. That is the main purpose your information will be used for.

Under the <u>Privacy Act</u>, the Behavioral Care Department cannot give out the information you give the caseworker, with the exceptions that the Behavioral Care Department can share this information on a "need to know" basis with other Federal, State, Tribal, and other programs who share some responsibility for the social services that you are applying for, to those agencies where you apply for a job or some other benefit, such as Social Security, and for law enforcement purposes. In these cases, your information can be shared without your written consent. For any other person or program wanting information from your case record file, you must first give your written consent. You have a right to know what information is in your case record and you can ask to see it. If you believe some information is inaccurate, ask your caseworker about how to change the information in the case record.

When you file an application for social services, you have a right to a written decision within 30 days. In some cases it may take 45 days. If you disagree with the decision, you may have a review of the decision by seeing your caseworker or the supervisor. You may also file an appeal and have a right to a hearing. The policy for social services Hearings and Appeals is in Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Subpart G, Part 20.700-705 and in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Manual Part 66.

The amount of grant assistance you may receive is based on State standards of public assistance less or minus your income and resources. The information you give must be accurate. If you give inaccurate information and accordingly receive assistance to which you are not entitled, you must pay it back. If your circumstances change, you must report this to the Behavioral Care Department. In this way, the Behavioral Care Department can give you the proper assistance you are eligible to receive.

Within the limits of its authority, the Behavioral Care Department wants to help you. If you have any questions or if the information is unclear to you, ask your caseworker to explain more fully any of the information given above.

The Federal Law concerning Fraud states... "Whoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States, knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme or device a material fact, or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations; or makes or uses any false writing or documents knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years or both."