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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
Serrell Smokey, ITCN President
Tribal Chairman of Washoe Tribe
919 Highway 395 South
Gardnerville, Nevada 89410

Dear Tribal Members:

In accordance with established consultation guidelines, the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) is notifying Nevada tribes of the following proposed change in policy:

The DHCFP and the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) will be submitting a Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Disaster Relief State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in response to the National State of Emergency that was declared on January 27, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following sections of Nevada's approved CHIP Disaster Relief SPA have been amended to request continued flexibility at the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) and for the duration of the State's PHE unwinding period:

- Delay acting on changes in certain circumstances
- Delay processing of renewals and extend deadlines for families to respond to renewal requests
- Waive collection of premiums for those unable to pay due to the Public Health Emergency (PHE)
- Suspend the premium lock-out period and provide coverage regardless of whether the family has paid their outstanding premium

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the Tribal Governments.

If you would like a consultation regarding this proposed change in policy, please contact Monica Schiffer at (775) 684-3653 who will schedule a meeting. We would appreciate a reply within 30 days from the date of this letter. If we do not hear from you within this time, we will consider this an indication that no consultation is requested.

Sincerely,

Casey Angres

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