

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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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 is proposing to add doulas to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 2900 – Federally Qualified Health Centers. This is due to the passage of Assembly Bill 256 and Senate Bill 420 during the 81<sup>st</sup> (2021) Legislative session. A doula is a non-medical trained professional who provides education, emotional and physical support during pregnancy, labor, birth, and postpartum period.

There is no anticipated financial impact on 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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