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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 Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) is proposing to reimburse for at-home over-the-counter (OTC) COVID-19 tests authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) through the pharmacy benefit. Coverage of at-home OTC COVID-19 tests demonstrate compliance with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) COVID-19 provisions as outlined in State Plan Amendment 22-0013. The period for this requirement is from March 11, 2021 and ends on the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Nevada Medicaid will reimburse a pharmacy up to \$12.00 per individual test (or the cost of the test, if less than \$12.00) with a quantity limit of eight tests per month. The provider must bill on a per unit basis. For example, if a package includes two tests, the provider should bill for two units which would equate up to a \$24.00 reimbursement. Refer to the Pharmacy Provider Manual for additional billing information located at: https://nevadamedicaid.magellanrx.com/cms/nvm/static-assets/documents/NVM_Provider_Manual.pdf.

Nevada Medicaid is unaware of any financial impact to other entities or local governments, including Tribal Governments, due to this proposed change, other than as stated above.

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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