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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) State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to remove the existing state-specific exceptions to continuous eligibility and replace those reasons with the revised federally recognized exceptions.

The SC27 CHIP SPA template has been revised to include the following federally recognized exceptions:

- The child attains the age specified by the state Agency or age 19;
- The child or child's representative requests a voluntary disenrollment;
- The child is no longer a resident of the state;
- The Agency determines that eligibility was erroneously granted at the most recent determination or renewal of eligibility because of agency error or fraud, abuse, or perjury attributed to the child or the child's representative;
- The child dies;
- The child becomes eligible for Medicaid; and
- Failure to pay premiums

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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