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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND POLICY

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August 30, 2022

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:

In preparation for submission to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) for final approval, changes and updates to the initially approved State Transition Plan (STP) are being proposed to be in full compliance with the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule by March 17, 2023.

Additionally, there were HCBS settings identified for heightened scrutiny (HS) review. The state conducted a heightened scrutiny review and determined there was enough evidence to show CMS that these settings overcame the presumptive characteristics of an institutional setting. The evidence from the HS review is documented in the evidentiary summaries.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the Tribal Government at this time.

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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