## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Division of Health Care Financing and Policy

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Administrator

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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada Serrell Smokey, ITCN President Tribal Chairman of Washoe Tribe 919 Highway 395 S 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 Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver for the Frail Elderly (FE), Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 2200, is currently being updated to align with the recently approved FE Waiver application. The services under this waiver will remain the same. The changes that are being proposed are updating language for clarity and consistency throughout the chapter; changes to the intake process; sections of chapters have been removed to avoid duplication; some sections have been moved to new locations within the chapter to better follow timelines and processes; waiver services from MSM Chapter 3900 - Assisted Living Waiver have been added; and language from the CARES Act has been included, where in the event of a declared state of emergency, HCBS can be provided in an acute care hospital setting.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the Tribal Government.

If you would like a consultation regarding this proposed change in policy, please contact Crystal Biselli at (775) 684-3722 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,

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