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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND POLICY

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Suzanne Bierman,  
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Administrator

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July 22, 2021

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 DHCFP is proposing a State Plan Amendment in Attachment 3.1-A and an update to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 600 – Physician Services, as a result of the passage of Assembly Bill 256 and Senate Bill 420 during the 81<sup>st</sup> (2021) Legislative session. This will include a new provider type and policy language for doula services. 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 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Kemmerer".

Jessica Kemmerer  
HIPAA Privacy and Civil Rights Officer, DHCFP

Cc: Dr. Antonia Capurro, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP  
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