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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:

As originally communicated on August 28, 2020, the DHCFP seeks to waive freedom of choice for specific specialty pharmacy drugs per Social Security Act Section 1902(a)(23) Freedom of Choice via a 1915(b)(4) waiver request. The State has elected to utilize selective contracting to deliver optimal therapy management and utilization controls for Hemophilia, Hepatitis C and Intravenous Immunoglobulin (IVIG) specialty pharmacy drugs within the Nevada Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) program. Additionally, the DHCFP has established a new payment algorithm for these specific drugs and a professional service contract with Optum Specialty Pharmacy® to provide clinical and customer service support to recipients and ordering providers.

There is no fiscal impact anticipated to 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,

Jessica Kemmerer

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