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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 is proposing an update to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 1000 - Dental, as a result of the passage of Senate Bill 310 during the 82nd (2023) Legislative session. This will include updating the policy language to include language that expands the functions of a public health dental assistant and dental hygienist and will allow dental hygienists to have prescribing rights.

There is no anticipated financial impact to 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

Casey Angres (Aug 23, 2023 14:55 PDT)

Casey Angres
Division Compliance Chief, DHCFP

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