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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 Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver for Frail Elderly (FE) is being amended to reflect the rate increases for this provider, Provider Type (PT) 48, providing the following waiver services: Homemaker, Respite and Adult Companion. The rate increases were approved during the 82nd (2023) Session of the Nevada Legislature and are effective January 1, 2024 or upon receipt of approval from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), whichever comes later. Additionally, the amendment includes Senate Bill (SB) 511 which mandates \$16 of the \$25/hour received by Medicaid Personal Care Services Provider Agencies must be paid as an hourly wage to the direct home care workers/employees; and an increased rate for Augmented Personal Care Services provided in a Residential Facilities for Group and Assisted Living Facilities enrolled as Medicaid provider types PT57 FE Waiver services in Adult Residential Care, and PT59, FE Waiver services – augmented personal care services, respectively.

The fiscal impact to Tribal Governments is unknown at this time.

If you would like a consultation regarding this proposed change in policy, please contact Monica Schiffer at (775) 684-3653 to 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 28, 2023 16:44 PDT)

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