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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:

- (1) DHCFP has recognized the current methodology for calculating the Parental Financial Obligation for the Katie Beckett Eligibility Option is not transparent and often leads our parents to drop off the much-needed option as the cost for the secondary insurance (Medicaid) is too costly. DHCFP had proposed and received legislative approval to update the methodology to a Premium Matrix that looks only at a family's adjusted gross income (AGI) and the number of dependents in the home.
- (2) A minor State Plan Change is being updated to ensure cost neutrality of the KB Option from a quarterly look back to an annual look back.

The following Nevada State Plan Policies are being updated to replace quarterly to annually in the wording:

1. Nevada State Plan Supplement 3 to Attachment 2.2-A: "At the end of each calendar quarter" will now state on an annual basis (rolling calendar based on redetermination date), a computerized list of approved Katie Beckett Eligibility Option cases is generated by DHCFP....

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to Tribal Governments.

Per policy, any Katie Beckett eligibility recipient who has an indicator for Native American will not be invoiced for any premium.

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***

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