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DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND POLICY

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January 17, 2024

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 800- Laboratory Services, as a result of the passage of Assembly Bill 155 during the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative session. This will include updating the policy language to include a prior authorization requirement for biomarker testing when used for the treatment of cancer. It will also include language for denied claims for coverage of biomarker testing and the hearing process.

There is no anticipated financial impact on the Tribal Governments.

If you would like a consultation regarding this proposed change in policy, please contact Monica Schiffer at (775) 684-3653 or [mschiffer@dhcfp.nv.gov](mailto:mschiffer@dhcfp.nv.gov) who will schedule a meeting. We would appreciate a reply within 30 days of 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 (Jan 16, 2024 16:35 PST)

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