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Dear Sirs:

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 regarding the Home and Community Based Waiver (HCBW) for Persons with Mental Retardation and Related Conditions.

The State of Nevada HCBW for Persons with Mental Retardation and Related Conditions renewal effective October 1, 2008 unbundled existing waiver services. Several services including habilitation services provided at night, direct support management habilitation and day habilitation were previously bundled under one service of Supported Living Arrangement (SLA). Medicaid Manual Service (MSM) Chapter 2100 changes clarify policy to indicate HCBW services compliment and/or supplement the services available through the Medicaid State Plan and other Federal, state and local public programs as well as supports families and communities provide to individuals. MSM Chapter 2100 also clarifies the responsibility a parent and/or legal guardian for the care of a minor child. Participant direction of services has been demonstrated to promote positive outcomes for individuals and families, improve participant satisfaction and be a cost-effective service delivery method. Waiver participants in the rural region of Nevada will have the ability to choose waiver services from both provider-managed (traditional) and self-directed models of services. Based on outcomes and evaluation of this new innovation, the service delivery model may be phased in throughout the state at a later time.

If you would like a specific consultation regarding this new policy, please contact Glenda Grafton at 775-684-3613 who will schedule a meeting. We would appreciate a reply whether or not you would like this consultation, however if we do not hear from you within 30 days from the date of this letter we will consider that an indication that no consultation is requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles Duarte".

Charles Duarte
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