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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 personal care services.

In an effort to contain rising costs while ensuring personal care services are available to those individuals who need these home based services, DHCFP has planned to transition towards a hands-on functional assessment conducted by licensed physical and occupational therapists. This is a change from an interview – type functional assessment currently being used. It is anticipated that the therapists, by the nature of their profession, will provide more concise determinations of the functional needs of the individuals seeking personal care service.

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
Administrator

Cc: Elizabeth Aiello, Deputy Administrator
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