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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 adult coverage vision, audiology services, and therapy services.

In an effort for the Division to reach the targeted budget reduction goals there is a proposal to eliminate the coverage of non-medical vision services for adults. Medical vision services such as glaucoma testing, refractive exams, cataract surgery will remain covered if medical necessity exists. Audiological services provided by an audiologist and hearing aids will be non-covered for adults. Speech therapy, Occupational therapy, and Physical Therapy provided in a community-based setting will be non-covered for adults.

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
Coleen Lawrence, Program Services Chief III
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