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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 the Home and Community Based Waiver for Frail and Elderly (CHIP) renewal has been submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015. There are some changes from the previously approved CHIP Waiver. Those changes include:

- Nutrition as a waiver service is being eliminated due to the fact that there are limited providers and this service has not been utilized through this waiver. Medicaid recipients will be able to receive nutrition services through their primary care physician.
- Nursing facilities (NF) will be eliminated as providers for respite care. The State has not had any NF's enroll as waiver providers and ADSD staff confirms they have not authorized any respite in a NF. Respite services will continue to be provided in-home by agency providers.

If you would like a specific consultation regarding this new policy, please contact Coleen Lawrence at 775-684-3744 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,

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Administrator

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