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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 dental services.

In an effort to contain rising costs while ensuring dental services are available to those individuals who require them, DHCFP has planned to implement a new procedure for recipients residing in Skilled Nursing Facilities or receiving Hospice care, who require partial or full dentures. This is a change from the process currently being used which does not require prior authorization for these services. It is anticipated that dentists will provide more appropriate determinations of the needs of the recipients seeking partial or full dentures if prior authorization is required.

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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