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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 Anesthesia services.

Prior authorization for, MSM chapter 600, inpatient chemotherapy does not include the follow up stem cell harvest and transplant, which may be a Phase I or II clinical trial and not covered by Nevada Medicaid. Some providers are assuming that the prior auth approval includes the total regimen of chemotherapy, harvest and transplant. Consequently, the decision has been made to include policy language citing that the approval is for "chemotherapy only" and that any further harvesting or transplants must be separately prior authorized.

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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