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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada  
Alvin Moyle, President  
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Indian Health Board of Nevada  
Alvin Moyle, President  
Larry Curley, Executive Director

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 payment for telehealth/telemedicine services.

In an effort to improve available medical care for rural Nevadans, DHCFP is submitting a State Plan Amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) which would allow for payment of services provided utilizing communication equipment from a hub site in a rural area to a spoke site in an urban area. Enrollment as a Medicaid provider is required to be eligible for payment. Any cost for required transmittal equipment is the responsibility of the providers. This change would allow for payment only to the sender and also to the receiver/responder for each encounter.

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  
John A. Liveratti, Chief, Compliance  
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