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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada  
Executive Board President  
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Dear Tribal Members:

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:

Revisions to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 1000 – Dental, are proposed to strengthen policy and to provide clarity to the Medicaid policy. Revisions were incorporated in sections of the chapter regarding Coverage and Limitations, Provider Responsibility and Prior Authorization requirements.

The most significant revision is in section 1003.8 – Orthodontics, where authorization for orthodontics will be changed from the Handicapping Labio-lingual Deviation Index scoring to Medically Necessary Orthodontic Automatic Qualifying Conditions. Additional revisions in this section include: Coverage and Limitations, Provider Responsibilities and a new section for Recipient Responsibilities. The Prior authorization process is revised to reflect the above changes in qualifying conditions and the required documentation to be submitted for prior authorization.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the Tribes.

If you would like a consultation regarding this new policy, please contact Tanya Benitez at (775) 684-3722 who will schedule a meeting. We would appreciate a reply within 30 days from the date of this letter. If we do not hear from you within this time, we will consider this an indication that no consultation is requested.

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Sincerely,



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