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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
Executive Board President
Vinton Hawley, Chairman
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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 are being made to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 1300, Durable medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS), in the following areas:

- Repair of a base piece of equipment is appropriate when the lifetime limit of five years has not been exceeded and the repair of the item is more cost effective than replacement.
- Repair is allowed when the absence of inappropriate use, culpable neglect, malicious involvement or wrongful disposition on the part of the recipient, their legal representative or their caregivers is substantiated.
- Replacement of equipment due to irreparable wear taking into consideration the lifetime limit of five years and the absence of inappropriate use, culpable neglect, malicious involvement or wrongful disposition on the part of the recipient, their legal representative or their caregivers is allowed.
- Reference was added in Power Wheelchair section to repair and replacement criteria.

Throughout the chapter, grammar, punctuation and capitalization changes were made, duplications removed, acronyms used and standardized, and language was reworded for clarity. Renumbering and re-arranging of sections was necessary.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the tribes.

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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.

Sincerely,



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Chief of Division Compliance

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