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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
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1745 Silver Eagle Drive
Elko, Nevada 89801

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.

New prior authorization criteria was approved by the Drug Use Review (DUR) Board in a special meeting held on August 13, 2014. Prior authorization criteria was revised, based on the American Association of Pediatrics new recommendations for Synagis® (palivizumab). Synagis is a medication used in the prevention of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infections in high risk infants. The new criteria removes the coverage of Synagis® (palivizumab) for preventive treatment. DHCFP will continue to consider prior authorization approvals outside these guidelines with supporting medical documentation.

There will be no fiscal impact for the tribes for these changes.

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 will consider this an indication that no consultation is requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurie Squartsoff".

Laurie Squartsoff
Administrator

Cc: Elizabeth Aiello, Deputy Administrator
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