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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:

Chapter 3200 of the Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) - Hospice, is being revised in order to more effectively serve our hospice population and to align with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Guidelines for Non-Cancer Terminal Illnesses Criteria. In addition, hospice services for recipients under the age of 21 have been clarified. The criteria for physician certification of a terminal illness has been restructured. Three new hospice forms, The Nevada Medicaid Certification of a Terminal Illness, The Nevada Medicaid Hospice Election Form for Adults and for Pediatrics, and thirdly, the Nevada Medicaid Action Form, have been created for Program compliance and accountability. The entire chapter has been reformatted for better flow.

No fiscal impact is expected with these changes/reorganization.

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,

Lynne Foster
Chief of Division Compliance

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