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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada Executive Board President Gerald Temoke, Tribal Chairman Elko Band Council 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.

An addition to MSM Chapter 600 is under consideration for the Physician Service's policy to include Community Paramedics/Paramedicine as a covered benefit.

Nevada Medicaid defines Community Paramedic Services as a new profession to meet the health care needs of recipients living in underserved communities. Paramedicine is part of an innovative, integrated health care plan developed by a primary health care provider and implemented by Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Workers who provide health care services to individuals who live in medically underserved rural and remote locales. Paramedic Services are designed to improve patients' healthcare experience while reducing unnecessary ambulance responses and hospital admissions and readmissions.

The DHCFP does not anticipate 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 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,

Laurie Squartsoff Administrator

Cc: Elizabeth Aiello, Deputy Administrator

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