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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 are being proposed to the Orthodontic section 1003.8. The amendments include policy changes and clarification(s) of Coverage and Limitations, Provider Responsibility, Recipient Responsibility, and Prior Authorization Requirements.

Coverage and Limitations revisions include modified language defining compliance with dental care and for orthodontic treatment.

Provider Responsibility revisions include a mechanism for providers to transfer care to another Nevada Medicaid contracted provider, including any residual orthodontic funds not utilized and redefines guidance for a provider to discontinue orthodontic treatment.

Recipient Responsibility is a new section and includes appointment attendance requirements, maintenance of good oral hygiene during orthodontic treatment, and recipient responsibility to notify the treating orthodontist of changes in eligibility, missed appointments, or relocation.

The Authorization Process changes include an increase in the Handicapping Labio-Lingual Deviation Index (HLD) report from a minimum qualifying score of 26, to a minimum qualifying score of thirty (30), and the increased documentation requirements of Medical Necessity for a prior authorization of orthodontic treatment.

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.

Sincerely,



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