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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:

Nevada Supported Documentation Guidelines for the Minimum Data Set (MDS) - Version 3.0, is being revised. Nevada Medicaid reimburses free-standing nursing facilities (NF) based on the facility's overall Case Mix Index (CMI) identified from the MDS. Resource Utilization Group, Version III (RUG III) items are identified on the MDS and used to establish each facility's CMI. To validate that Medicaid reimbursement to NFs is accurate and appropriate, a periodic review of MDS coding and supporting corresponding medical record documentation is conducted. These revised documentation guidelines will be consistent with the current *Long-Term Care Facility Resident Assessment Instrument User's Manual, version 3.0 (RAI Manual)* provided by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to ensure that the information coded and submitted on the MDS to the State Database/National Repository accurately reflected the care required by, and provided to resident.

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.

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Sincerely,



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