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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 the State Plan.

Section 2502 of the Affordable Care Act prohibits Nevada Medicaid from excluding drugs used to promote smoking cessation, barbiturates, and benzodiazepines from coverage. The following language will be removed from our State Plan, Attachment 3.1-A, page 5a1, under excluded drugs that are covered, (h) barbiturates (Except for dual eligible individuals effective January 1, 2013 when used in the treatment of epilepsy, cancer or a chronic mental health disorder as Part D will cover those indications); (i) benzodiazepines (Except for dual eligible individuals effective January 1, 2013 as Part D will cover all indications); (j) smoking cessation drugs (Except for dual eligible individuals as Part D will cover these drugs), per instruction from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

There will be no fiscal impact as Nevada Medicaid has already been paying for these drugs as part of drug coverage for eligible recipients. The cost of enacting the change will be minimal as no policy changes or system changes will be necessary.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie Squartsoff".

Laurie Squartsoff  
Administrator

Cc: Elizabeth Aiello, Deputy Administrator  
Coleen Lawrence, Chief, Program Services  
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