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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
Executive Board President
Vinton Hawley, Chairman
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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 – Dental, are proposed to strengthen policy and to provide clarity to the Medicaid policy. The proposed revision is in Section 1003.8 – Orthodontics, where authorization for orthodontics will be changed from the Handicapping Labio-lingual Deviation Index scoring to Medically Necessary Orthodontic Automatic Qualifying Conditions. Additional revisions in this section include: Coverage and Limitations, Provider Responsibilities, and a new section for Recipient Responsibilities. The prior authorization process is revised to reflect the above changes in qualifying conditions and the required documentation to be submitted for prior authorization.

The change in Medical Necessity criteria may have a fiscal impact on the tribes, as Dental is a billable encounter.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lynne Foster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "F".

Lynne Foster
Chief of Division Compliance

Cc: Elizabeth Aiello, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP
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