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Dear Sirs:

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.

Currently, pharmacy outpatient claims are reimbursed Average Wholesale Price (AWP) minus 15%. The AWP is sent to Medicaid by our national drug data base First Data Bank. In 2009, a court settlement was reached with FDB in which they would no longer produce AWP in their database effective September 26, 2011. For Nevada Medicaid, the plan is to change the pricing point to Wholesale Acquisition Cost upon an approved State Plan, tentatively set for October 1, 2011. The Division does not foresee a negative impact on any providers or recipients.

If you would like a consultation regarding this new policy, please contact Crystal Johnson 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 "Charles Duarte".

Charles Duarte  
Administrator

Cc: Elizabeth Aiello, Deputy Administrator  
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