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Dear Sirs/Madame:

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 Medicaid State Plan.

Sections 4.19-A, 4.19-B and 4.19-D of the State Plan will be updated to address the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act requirement noted in Section 2702 that the DHCFP will deny payment or recover payment from any facility should a PPC described as an "Other Provider Preventable Condition," commonly known as a "Never Event" occur. This is defined as: the wrong surgical or other invasive procedure performed on a patient; surgical or other invasive procedure performed on the wrong body part; surgical or other invasive procedure performed on the wrong patient.

A public workshop was held on January 4, 2012 where it was discussed that implementation of this requirement would be in multiple phases. This SPA will address the first two phases. The first is the review of prior authorization (PA) requests for an extended hospital stay or a secondary admission due to a PPC. The second phase is a retrospective review of claims data, as not all PPCs can be detected by prior authorization requests.

Implementation of both phases is expected no later than July 1, 2012. A Public Workshop to discuss the second phase will be scheduled.

If you would like a consultation regarding this SPA, 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.

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Sincerely,



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