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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 proposed changes in policy regarding Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 3500, Personal Care Services (PCS).

Revisions have been made to the completion of Functional Assessments (FA) and reassessments for PCS. Both Functional Assessments and reassessments for all Medicaid recipients requesting PCS will be completed by Physical and Occupational Therapists. The QIO-like vendor will authorize the services for all non-waiver Medicaid recipients and case managers will authorize the services for all 1915 (c) waiver recipients.

Language has been removed regarding PT and/or OT completing recipient Service Plans. The QIO-like vendor is responsible for completion of the Service Plan for all non-waiver Medicaid recipients and case managers will continue to complete the Service Plan for 1915 (c) waiver recipients.

Revisions have been made for criminal background checks on PCS owners and/or administrators making initial application for licensure with the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC) to operate a PCS agency, and established PCS agencies sending potential or existing employees for criminal background checks. These entities are now required to cite different statutes from the current reference when submitting fingerprint cards to the Nevada Department of Public Safety. Clarification was also added that all PCS agency personnel doing business in the State of Nevada are required to undergo a State and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) background check.

Elder abuse training was added due to the passage of SB 129 requiring all PCS applicants to receive training in the recognition and prevention of elder abuse before being issued a license by

the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC) and requires applicants, including administrators, to receive annual elder abuse training.

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,



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