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Dear Sirs:

In accordance with established consultation guidelines, the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) are notifying the Nevada tribes of the following proposed policy changes.

Nevada's Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability (HIFA) §1115 Demonstration Waiver five year approval expires the end of November 2011. This waiver program is authorized and funded within Section 1115 (a) of the Children's Health Insurance Program (Title XXI of the Social Security Act). Through this waiver Nevada has expanded eligibility to two groups- Pregnant Women who do not qualify for Medicaid and whose net annual income is above 133% and at or below 185% of the federal poverty level (FPL). And individuals who qualify for insurance-premium subsidy payments through the Employer Sponsored Insurance Premium Subsidy program, called Nevada Check Up Plus. This program was designed for parents, caretaker relatives, or legal guardians of Medicaid or Nevada Check Up children, or other low-income parents, caretaker relatives or legal guardians.

Due to Nevada not meeting the new regulations under the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Section 111, State option to cover low-income pregnant women under CHIP through a State plan amendment, and Section 112, Phase-out of coverage for nonpregnant childless adults under CHIP; conditions for coverage of parents, Nevada will not renew its Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability (HIFA) waiver.

If you would like a specific 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 this as an indication that no consultation is requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles Duarte".

Charles Duarte
Administrator

Cc: Elizabeth Aiello, Deputy Administrator
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