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Dear Sirs:

I would like to share some information regarding a new effort by the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services related to prevention of chronic disease. On February 23, 2011, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issues a grant solicitation for the Medicaid Incentives for Prevention of Chronic Diseases (MIPCD) program. The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP), as the entity responsible for the administration of the Medicaid and Nevada Check Up programs, intends to apply for this grant.

The MIPCD was authorized by Section 4108 of the Affordable Care Act. The MIPCD Program presents an opportunity for state Medicaid agencies to encourage beneficiaries to use preventive services and adopt healthy behaviors. Incentive programs have been successfully used in the commercial healthcare sector for many years. However, the use of such incentive programs for Medicaid beneficiaries has been very limited. This new grant opportunity offers the state of Nevada financial support to test the effectiveness of evidence-based incentive programs targeted to Medicaid beneficiaries. I am providing a fact sheet that describes the MIPCD Program prepared by the Centers for Health Care Strategies. The grant solicitation issued by CMS can be accessed at <https://www.cms.gov/MIPCD/>.

I am also providing a copy of a draft project abstract that provides a succinct description of the proposed project. Nevada's proposed project includes the following prevention goals: controlling or reducing weight, lowering cholesterol, lowering blood pressure, and avoiding the onset of diabetes or in the case of a diabetic, improving the management of the condition. DHCFP sincerely hopes that Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada can help us obtain the grant award needed to implement the program by:

- Reviewing the attached project abstract and providing written comments on the overall program design;
- Providing a letter of support endorsing the proposed project that can be included in our grant application; and
- Agreeing to participate in a stakeholder forum to implement and monitor the program (should DHCFP be successful in obtaining an award from CMS).

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Timing is of the essence, as the grant application is due to CMS on May 2, 2011. We would welcome the opportunity to further discuss the MIPCD Program and expedited consultation related to the proposed project. If you are interested in arranging a meeting, please contact David Rogers, Public Consulting Group (PCG), at (850) 728-9426 or [drogers@pcgus.com](mailto:drogers@pcgus.com). DHCFP has engaged PCG to assist in the development of the MIPCD grant application.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to the opportunity to collaborate on the MIPCD Program and our efforts to prevent chronic disease in Nevada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Aiello". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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Attachments: Draft Nevada MIPCD Project Abstract  
MIPCD Fact Sheet