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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:

The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA), Section 115 required states to exempt Medicare cost-sharing benefits (i.e. Part A and Part B premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and co-payments) paid under the Medicaid Savings Program, (MSP) from estate recovery. The exemption applies to the following groups of dual eligibles: QMB, SLMB, QI, QDWI, QMB+ and SLMB+. This exemption extends for those cost-sharing benefits with dates of service on or after January 1, 2010.

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".

Chuck Duarte
Administrator

Cc: Elizabeth Aiello, Deputy Administrator
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