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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 the following proposed change in policy.

The DHCFP is revising the way the long term care provider tax is collected and distributed. Collection of the tax is not currently addressed in regulation or the Medicaid State Plan. The DHCFP will promulgate regulations in the Medicaid Operations Manual (MOM) to address collection of the long term care provider. The purpose of this is to document the collection methodology.

The reason for this change is that the DHCFP has a waiver for collection of the provider tax because the tax is not broad based and it is not uniform. The waiver requires the DHCFP to tax facilities with more than 75,000 bed days annually at a rate of \$1.75 per non-Medicare bed day while other facilities are charged a higher rate. Changing this will allow the DHCFP to charge less to facilities that have a Medicaid occupancy rate of 65% or more. In addition, the waiver must be changed to comply with federal law.

Currently, we distribute the provider tax revenues and federal match back to the facilities in the per diem rate. We will amend the Medicaid State Plan Section 4.19-D to allow us to distribute the tax and federal match in a monthly supplemental payment based on Medicaid occupancy, MDS accuracy, and quality measures.

This change is expected to occur no later than September 30, 2011.

If you would like a consultation regarding this new policy, please contact Crystal Johnson at (775) 684-3422 who will schedule a meeting.

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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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