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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 changes in policy regarding Chapter 200 Hospital Services.

The following language will be removed:

1. Billing language (e.g. coding related to nonemergency use of an emergency room) and QIO-like vendor utilization review processes language (e.g. the time frames in which a provider must submit additional requested information). This language is already in the Billing Manual or Provider Billing Guides.
2. Language already in MSM Chapter 100 (e.g. Prior Resources) or Chapter 400 (e.g. Residential Treatment Centers.)
3. References to a "Surgical Procedure" booklet and a policy section (203.10D) that do not exist. Internet sites where the information can be located will be added.

The following language was clarified:

1. QIO-like vendor authorization determinations are made based on the pertinent clinical information submitted by a provider.
2. Recipients must be Medicaid eligible for concurrent reviews to be performed.

Grammatical corrections and renumbering of policy sections (due to deleted language) will also be made.

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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,



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