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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 to Medicaid Service Manual, Chapter 100. The proposed changes are the implementation of the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS).

The NCCI is a series of edits developed by CMS to promote national correct coding methodologies and to control improper coding that leads to inappropriate payments. The confidential information contained in the Medicaid NCCI methodology files will not be shared with vendors or other parties which are not State-contracted Fiscal Agents (contracted entities that perform claims processing activities of behalf of the State, or "state-contracted entities").

States must incorporate five methodologies into MMIS and begin the process of editing claims against these five NCCI methodologies effective for claims filed on or after October 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".

Charles Duarte
Administrator

Cc: Elizabeth Aiello, Deputy Administrator
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