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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 regarding coverage of certain durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and medical supplies (DMEPOS).

The Division is completing a reorganization of Chapter 1300 to simplify locating coverage and limitation criteria and to add clarification to provider and recipient responsibilities related to acquisition of DMEPOS.

The Division is proposing implementation of a Rent-to-Purchase process for most durable medical equipment such as, but not limited to wheelchairs and beds. For products included in this process, once the purchase price has been paid by Nevada Medicaid/Nevada Check-Up through monthly rental payments, the equipment will be considered owned by the recipient and no further payments for the device will be made. Nevada Medicaid/Nevada Check Up will pay for repairs and related supplies after the device is recipient-owned.

Additionally, a requirement is being added for a face-to-face encounter with the prescribing practitioner for all durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and medical supplies.

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 that an indication that no consultation is requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles Duarte".

Charles Duarte
Administrator

Cc: Elizabeth Aiello, Deputy Administrator
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