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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 non-emergency transportation services.

Updates are being proposed to Medicaid Services Manual, Chapter 1900; Section 1902 reflecting the definition of Significant Change of Condition or Circumstance.

“For non emergency medical transportation purposes, a significant change of condition limits itself to the presence of a new condition, or the exacerbation of an existing condition, that makes the currently assessed level of transportation unusable.

A significant change in circumstances may include such circumstances as the recipient moving to a new geographic location where currently authorized modes of transportation are not available (no public transportation, for instance), or the absence, illness, death, or other unavailability of the legally responsible individual or designated volunteer/private driver who currently provides transportation.

Please refer to other MSM Chapters for further medical definition of Significant Change of Condition or Circumstance.”

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 that reads "Charles Duarte".

Charles Duarte
Administrator

Cc: Elizabeth Aiello, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP
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