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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 for Nevada Check Up (NCU) recipients effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

Updates are being proposed to Medicaid Services Manual, Chapter 1900 to aid the State of Nevada with cost containment and to help recipients access the most appropriate NET services for their needs. Included in the chapter changes are provisions which may affect Indian Health Service providers. Section 1904.2.N establishes the rate for NET services in private vehicles to medically necessary covered services and are reimbursed at a per mile rate that is double the Internal Revenue Service medical/moving mileage rate. In the past rates were negotiated at infrequent periods. The new method provides a continuing update of mileage reimbursement rates.

Another change which may affect Native American recipients is that recipients who require a level of non emergency transportation services above bus passes or mileage reimbursement may be required to have an assessment of needs done by the Medicaid District Office in order to better match services to recipients.

Also included in the changes to Chapter 1900 are changes in non-emergency transportation policy regarding nursing homes, adult day health care, foster and adoptive parents, and how the NET broker subcontracts with other vendors.

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A public hearing for the changes to Medicaid Services Manual 1900 will be held on June 29, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. An agenda and full text of the amended chapter for the public hearing may be found on line at <https://dhcfp.nv.gov/publicnotices.htm>. The locations for the hearing are:

Location:	Nevada State Legislature Building 401 So. Carson Street Room 2134 Carson City, Nevada 89701
Video Conference to:	Grant Sawyer Office Building 555 E. Washington Avenue Suite 4412E Las Vegas, Nevada 89416

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,



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Administrator

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