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Indian Health Board of Nevada
Alvin Moyle, President
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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 Medicaid Services Manual Chapter 3400- Telehealth Services. DHCFP plans to expand the covered telehealth services to include family and group psychotherapy. In addition DHCFP will add: "A person who is employed and determined by a state mental health agency to meet established class specification qualifications of a Mental Health Counselor or clinical social worker" as medical/behavioral health providers who may bill for covered telehealth services at a distant site.

It is anticipated that the proposed expansion of services may have potential direct impact to Indian Health Programs and/or tribal governments.

If you would like a 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
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