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Dear Sirs:

In accordance with established consultation guidelines, the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) are notifying Nevada tribes of the following proposed change in policy to the Medicaid Service Manual Chapter 1200.

The Drug Use Review (DUR) Board is a requirement of the Social Security Act to identify and reduce fraud, abuse, overuse, and medically unnecessary care. The DUR Board also works to minimize drug interactions, drug-induced illness, and undesirable drug reactions in recipients.

On July 22, 2010, the Drug Use Review (DUR) Board approved expanding the prior authorization criteria for the approval of psychotropic medications from recipient's ages 0-5 years to include ages 6 to 17 years. On October 28, 2010 the DUR Board established quantity limitations for serotonin receptor antagonists – 5-HT3 antiemetics; added Prevention of Gastrointestinal Events to coverage for proton pump inhibitors; and established quantity limitation and criteria for (colchicine) Colcrys®. On January 27, 2011 the DUR Board approved a 26-day look back and required a prior authorization for duplicate therapy for norepinephrine serotonin reuptake inhibitor drugs; and approved quantity limitation and prior authorization criteria for (dabigatran etexilate) Pradaxa®.

If you would like a consultation regarding this new policy, please contact Crystal Johnson at (775) 684-3422 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
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Cc: Elizabeth Aiello, Deputy Administrator
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