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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
Chairwoman Wanda Batchelor,
Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California
919 Highway 395 South
Gardnerville, NV 89410

Dear Tribal Members:

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.

In collaboration from stakeholders, the Division is proposing to develop an Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) as required by CMS-2334-F for the "newly eligible" population for the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The ABP will be an identical plan with the current Medicaid benefit plan.

The ABP requires a habilitation benefit for the "newly eligible" recipients. The proposed medical coverage policies for habilitation are maintenance therapy provided by qualified physical, speech and/or occupational therapist. The Division is proposing to expand maintenance therapy to the existing non "newly eligible" recipients to keep a seamless and consistent benefit plan for all recipients.

This is an expansion of services.

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 cursive script that reads "Laurie Squartsoff".

Laurie Squartsoff
Administrator

Cc: Elizabeth Aiello, Deputy Administrator
Coleen Lawrence, Chief, Program Services