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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 updates.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) has afforded State Medicaid Agencies an opportunity to receive an additional 1% federal funding for preventive services and vaccines, effective January 1, 2014. In order to claim the additional federal match Nevada is required to submit a state plan amendment. This new guidance was released in a State Medicaid Letter #13-002. **This is not a policy change**, since Nevada Medicaid already covers adult vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization practices (ACIP) and preventive services in accordance with the Preventive Services task Force.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) also required beginning January 1, 2014, Medicare Part D Plans to begin coverage of Benzodiazepines and Barbiturates. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is requiring State Medicaid Agencies to submit a State Plan to specifically state that Medicaid will not cover Benzodiazepines and Barbiturates for Medicare Part D patients. **This is not a policy change** because Medicaid is payer of last resort and is not allowed to reimburse for a claim that is covered under Medicare Part D. However to be in compliance with guidance from CMS, Nevada Medicaid is submitting a state plan amendment.

If you would like a consultation regarding this new policy, please contact Jon Kirwan at (775) 684-3706 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
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