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Dear Sirs:

Now that the Legislative session for 2011 is over and the Division's budget has been closed, and in accordance with established consultation guidelines, the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) is notifying Nevada tribes of the following proposed changes in policy and rates. These changes are scheduled to be implemented by August 1, 2011.

1. **End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD):** Reduce current rates by fifteen percent (15%).
2. **Hospital-based and Free Standing Ambulatory Surgical Centers:** Reduce current rates by fifteen percent (15%).
3. **Emergency Transportation (Ambulance, Ground or Air):** Reduce current rates by fifteen percent (15%).
4. **Dental Services:** Reduce current rates by 0.7%.
5. **Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Disposable Supplies:** Reduce current rates by 0.7%.
6. **Ventilator Care in Free Standing Nursing Facilities:** Reduce the current base rate of \$500 to \$495.
7. **Free Standing Nursing Facilities:** Reduce reimbursement rate by an average of \$5 per day.
8. **Long Term Hospice:** Payments are based on 95% of the Nursing Facility rates and these will also be reduced by approximately 11%.

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9. **Non-Emergency Transportation (NET):** Eliminate services for Nevada Check Up recipients.

In addition, as notified in the November 29, 2010 letter, Nevada's Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability (HIFA) §1115 Demonstration Waiver five year approval expires November 30, 2011. Due to budget constraints, Nevada will not renew the program waiver, resulting in program termination effective December 1, 2011. Federal regulations do not allow new enrollments into the waiver during the phase out period. Therefore, applications have not been accepted and no new enrollments have been made since June 1, 2011.

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,



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