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April 28, 2020

Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
Serrell Smokey, ITCN President
Tribal Chairman of Washoe Tribe
919 Highway 395 S
Gardnerville, Nevada 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:

The DHCFP and the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) will be submitting a Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Disaster Relief State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in response to the National State of Emergency that was declared on January 27, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Various sections of the CHIP SPA have been amended to ensure that during this National State of Emergency, the following changes will be implemented:

- Annual redeterminations will be extended for a period of six months for enrollees that have a redetermination due in March, April, and May 2020;
- Nevada Check Up (NCU) quarterly premiums will be waived for CHIP enrollees when a hardship is requested due to self-attested financial impact due to the COVID emergency for a period of six months (or until the end of the emergency period) effective April 1, 2020; and
- Terminations due to non-payment of premium will be suspended for six months (or until the end of the emergency period) effective April 1, 2020.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the Tribal Governments.

If you would like a consultation regarding this proposed change in policy, please contact Crystal Biselli at (775) 684-3722 who will schedule a meeting. We would appreciate a reply within 30 days from the date of this letter. If we do not hear from you within this time, we will consider this an indication that no consultation is requested.

Sincerely,

Cody L. Phinney

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