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May 7, 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:

In response to the March 13, 2020 United States Presidential and Secretarial declarations of a national emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, on April 23, 2020 the DHCFP submitted the Medicaid Disaster Relief State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Division continues to work with CMS in the development of this Disaster Relief SPA. The Disaster Relief SPA is being requested under Section 7 of the 1135 Waiver previously approved by CMS on April 7, 2020. The following is being requested under the Disaster Relief SPA:

- Waive timeline for SPA submissions
- Modify Public Notice Requirements
- Modified Tribal Consultations to include alternative settings, use of teleconference, and video teleconference and digital platforms
- Request for the addition of Uninsured Aid Category for COVID-19 testing
- Continue Nevada Medicaid eligibility for recipients forced to relocate out-of-state
- Allow for 100% reimbursement for COVID-19 Testing.

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

Cody L. Phinney (May 5, 2020)

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