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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 proposed change in policy.

Currently, there is a portion of the Medicaid population, those enrolled in Fee for Service, whose care is unmanaged. This includes recipients with chronic conditions and those that frequently have high cost emergency room visits that are avoidable by a holistic care management program.

The proposed program will be developed and implemented by using an 1115 Research and Demonstration Waiver. The program will include all aspects of a recipients care and is structured to work with all physician types. It is also structured to assist in linking the recipient to additional community resources, as well as including their families where appropriate, and working at overcoming potential barriers the recipient may have in maintaining their health.

The 1115 Waiver will also be requesting a mandatory lock in for recipients in the Managed Care Organizations (MCO). This will be for the population of recipients who were eligible, became ineligible for whatever reason, who then become eligible again after a period, on or after, sixty-one (61) days to be automatically reenrolled in their previous MCO plan.

Neither of these changes would affect the opt in and opt out options that are currently in place for the Native American Indian population.

The DHCFP is also in the process of developing policy for the Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) for this new program and vendor.

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,

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