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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:

Pending legislative approval of Senate Bill 154, DHCFP is proposing to submit an 1115 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Demonstration Waiver application through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). In an effort to combat the ongoing opioid crisis, CMS created an opportunity under the authority of section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act for states to demonstrate and test flexibilities to improve the continuum of care for beneficiaries with substance use disorders (SUDs) including Opioid Use Disorder.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact on the Tribal Government.

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,

Jessica Kemmerer

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