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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:

The DHCFP is proposing to amend the Section 7.4, Medicaid Disaster Relief for the COVID-19 National Emergency, Section E – Payments, #2, a and b, ii, to authorize the increased payment for the COVID-19 vaccine administration fee. The Federal government is providing the vaccine at no cost, but providers can request reimbursement to administer the vaccine. This amendment to the Nevada Medicaid State Plan will allow the State to reimburse approved COVID-19 immunization providers at 100% of the Medicare rate for the COVID-19 vaccine administration fee. This will remain in effect to the last day of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Tribal clinics, Rural Health Clinics, and Federally Qualified Health Centers that are reimbursed at an encounter rate will not be able to claim the increased administration rate separately, but will be able to submit encounter claims for COVID-19 vaccine administration.

There is no anticipated negative fiscal impact to the tribes.

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,

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