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DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND POLICY

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Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
Serrell Smokey, ITCN President
Tribal Chairman of Washoe Tribe
919 Highway 395 South
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 changes to policy:

During the 82nd (2023) Nevada Legislative session, Assembly Bill 259 was passed, approving Benefits Counseling as a new waiver service. The Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (ID) is being amended to reflect the new waiver service and will be submitted to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for approval with an effective date of January 1, 2025.

Benefits Counseling services are designed to assist recipients and their families/support network with understanding the potential impact of employment on the recipient's public benefits such as Supplemental Social Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Medicare, food/nutrition programs, housing assistance, and other federal, state and local benefits. The service will also provide information and education to the recipient regarding income reporting requirements for public benefits programs, including the Social Security Administration.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to Tribal Governments at this time.

If you would like a consultation regarding this proposed change in policy, please contact Nahayvee Flores-Rosiles at nflores-rosiles@dhcpf.nv.gov or (775) 350-0786 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,

Casey Angres

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