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

Medicaid Services Manual Chapter 100

Section 102.

The current language used prohibits enrollment under certain circumstances and does not allow for evaluation. This language is being revised to allow for evaluation of convictions based on the level of conviction, age of conviction, and number of convictions, at minimum.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has raised the risk level for all newly enrolling Skilled Nursing Facilities and Hospice Organizations to high risk, and those same groups to moderate risk at revalidation. As this is codified in Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Nevada Medicaid must take like action.

Nevada Medicaid proposes the addition of language which notifies applicants and providers of instances when enrollment with Nevada Medicaid must be terminated or denied due to an active enrollment exclusion with another state or with Medicare.

Section 103.

Nevada Medicaid proposes to change the report requirement time frame from five working days to 30 calendar days and includes language as to the current method of reporting updates.

Section 106.

Nevada Medicaid proposes to add language which allows the Agency to extend a provider's Notice of Intent to Terminate beyond 20 days when it is in the best interest of recipients or the Program.

Section 107.1.

Nevada Medicaid proposes to add language which informs sanctioned providers of the process in which the individual's or group's name would be removed from the Nevada Exclusions List once the sanctioned time frame has expired.

Fiscal impact would be minimal and based on the number of Fingerprint-based Criminal Background Checks required for owners, managing employees, and those who have five percent or more direct or indirect interest in newly enrolling Skilled Nursing Facilities and Hospice Organizations who had not completed this process with CMS at the time of enrollment with Nevada Medicaid.

If you would like a consultation regarding this proposed change in policy, please contact Monica Schiffer at (775) 684-3653 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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