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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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 change in policy:

The Division is proposing an amendment to Nevada Medicaid State Plan Attachment 4.19-A, page 33b-33c, to amend the inpatient Fee-for-Service (FFS) upper payment limit (UPL) supplemental payment for private hospitals in the State of Nevada. UPL supplemental payments issued under this program are not to exceed, when aggregated with other payments made to private hospitals under all other provisions of the state plan, 100% of a reasonable estimate of the amount that would be paid for such services under Medicare payment principles. The proposed changes will allow Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) to become eligible for an Inpatient Hospital UPL supplemental payment. The reimbursement methodology for CAHs will mirror the existing reimbursement methodology for freestanding psychiatric hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals, and long-term acute care hospitals. Each eligible CAH will receive a payment equal to its non-negative proportional contribution to the aggregate difference between Medicaid payments paid under all other provisions of the state plan and the UPL for that class of hospitals.

The fiscal impact of these changes is currently being determined and will be included on the agenda for the Public Hearing to be held on September 24, 2024. 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@dncfp.nv.gov](mailto:nflores-rosiles@dncfp.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

Casey Angres (Jul 30, 2024 11:32 PDT)

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