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DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND POLICY

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March 3, 2025

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 policy:

The DHCFP is currently working on the renewal of the Home and Community Based Services Waiver (HCBS) for the Frail Elderly (FE) which will expire on June 30, 2025. The renewal of this waiver must be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for approval 90 days prior to expiration. The proposed major change is the revision to the Level of Care (LOC) Evaluation/Reevaluation to align with the Nursing Facility (NF) LOC criteria where there must be at least one "Activities of Daily Living (ADL)" need for any "Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL)" to be considered as a need. Other proposed changes are to update language and timelines of Quality Improvement to align with Access/Final Rule.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to Tribal Governments.

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

Casey Angres (Mar 3, 2025 15:11 PST)

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Division Compliance Chief, DHCFP

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