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Suzanne Bierman,
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Administrator

April 23, 2021

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:

During the 80th (2019) Session of the Nevada Legislature, the Nevada Legislature passed Assembly Bill (AB) 223. This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to apply for a Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to implement a Medicaid demonstration program to provide dental coverage to adults with diabetes who are enrolled in Nevada Medicaid. The goal of this particular proposed 1115 Demonstration waiver project is to improve the health of adult Medicaid enrollees with diabetes by ensuring they get adequate oral health care. The development of the waiver has taken longer than originally anticipated. Services did not begin in January of 2021; however, the Department continues to work toward the submission and approval of the waiver to CMS.

The fiscal impact is unknown at this time.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Kemmerer".

Jessica Kemmerer
HIPAA Privacy and Civil Rights Officer

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