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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 updated proposed changes in policy:

During the 80th (2019) Session of the Nevada Legislature, Assembly Bill 223, now NRS 422.27247, was passed. 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 and who receive services from participating Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). The goal of this particular proposed 1115 Demonstration waiver project is to improve the health of adult Medicaid enrollees with diabetes by ensuring they receive adequate oral health care. The development of the waiver has taken longer than originally anticipated and services did not begin in January of 2021; however, the Department has finalized its waiver application and is posting it for public comment through September 1, 2022. If approved, new dental services would become available to this adult population starting in April of 2023 based on the proposed implementation plan at this time.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to Tribal Governments.

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,

Casey Angres

Casey Angres (Jul 14, 2022 16:10 PDT)

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