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Dear Provider:

The Culinary Health Fund is pleased to announce the newly expanded Hospitalist Program for Culinary participants. Effective May 1, 2011 the following hospitalist groups will be the exclusive plan providers under the newly expanded Hospitalist Program:

Hospitalist Group Name	Contact Number	Assigned Facilities
Internal Medicine Specialists of Las Vegas	588-7373	Valley Hospital
Inpatient Consultants of Nevada (IPC)	380-1992	Desert Springs Hospital North Vista Hospital St. Rose – De Lima Hospital St. Rose – Siena Hospital
Pioneer Healthcare	388-9777	Sunrise Hospital Southern Hills Hospital Spring Valley Hospital Summerlin Hospital
Hospitalist Management Group (HMG)	207-8263	University Medical Center
Nevada Hospitalist Group (NHG)	450-1717	Centennial Hills Hospital Mountainview Hospital St. Rose –San Martin Hospital

The Hospitalist Program was built as a team approach to in-patient healthcare. **Under the newly expanded Hospitalist Program, all in-patient rounding for adult, non-obstetrical Culinary Health Fund patients will continue to be managed by the assigned hospitalist plan provider for the facility they have been admitted to for services. This expanded Hospitalist Program will now service the entire Healthcare Services Coalition, for a complete list of Health Service Coalition members please visit www.lvpsc.org.**

Referral or delegation of in-patient care to any other hospitalist or provider (except in case of emergency, when required by law or with prior approval from the Culinary Health Fund) is prohibited by the Culinary Health Fund plan document and will not be reimbursed. Please note, the Fund encourages contracted primary care physicians to visit their established patients while hospitalized, however the management of these cases will be assigned to the hospitalist plan provider.

We look forward to the continued benefits this program has for Culinary participants and their families and thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Provider Services at (702) 892-7313.

Sincerely,

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