
REIMBURSEMENT FOR INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES
AND TRIBAL 638 HEALTH FACILITIES

California will reimburse federally recognized tribal "638" facilities in accordance with the most recent rate published in the Federal Register.

1. IHS/Tribal 638 facilities are reimbursed at the all-inclusive rate for each encounter.
2. An IHS clinic encounter is defined as a face-to-face encounter provided in the tribal facility between a tribal patient and the health professional (as specified in page 2, paragraph A) of the clinic or the center.
3. The IHS MOA clinics may bill for up to two visits a day for one patient, if one is a medical visit and the other is another health visit.

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A. Below is a list of health professionals that may bill under the IHS all-inclusive rate:

- Physician
- Physician Assistant
- Nurse Practitioner
- Nurse Midwife
- Clinical Psychologist, when provided to beneficiaries identified under Item C below.
- Clinical Social Worker, when provided to beneficiaries identified under Item C below.
- Visiting Nurse if services are provided in the Tribal facilities
- Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP): Registered Nurse, Dietitian, Health Educator, Childbirth Educator, Licensed Vocational Nurse, and Comprehensive Perinatal Health Worker. A September 17, 1985 HCFA letter allows these services as a physician or clinic service.
- Under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program (EPSDT), the services of Licensed Marriage, Family and Child Counselors are available as 'other health visit' to persons under 21 years of age, as a result of an EPSDT screening which identifies the need for a service which is necessary to correct or ameliorate a mental illness or condition.

B. Except for the services specified under C below, the following other ambulatory services, but not limited to, provided by health professional can be billed under the IHS all-inclusive rate.

- Medical and surgical services provided by a doctor of dental medicine or dental surgery, which if provided by a physician would be considered physician services
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Drug and Alcohol visits (Subject to Medi-Cal provider participation requirements)
- Telemedicine
- Optometry (Eyeglasses and other eye appliances are restricted to beneficiaries identified under Item C below)

*** The elimination of Adult Day Health Care previously scheduled to take place on 3/1/12 (approved via SPA 11-035) has been postponed and will be effective as of 4/1/2012.

C. Dental service, acupuncture, audiology, chiropractic, eyeglasses and other eye appliances, podiatry, psychology and speech therapy are covered benefits under this state plan only for the following beneficiaries:

1. Pregnant women if these optional benefits are part of their pregnancy-related services or for services to treat a condition that might complicate the pregnancy.
2. Individual who is an eligible beneficiary under the Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment Program.

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3. Individual who is receiving long term care in a licensed skilled or intermediate care facility (NF-A and NF-B)
4. Individual who is receiving long term care in a licensed intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled (ICF-DD) including ICF-DD Habilitative and ICF-DD Nursing

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The Implantable contraceptive kit (Norplant) will continue to be reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis.

Non-medical transportation and pharmacy are not included as part of the IHS/MOA visit rate and are reimbursed separately under Medi-Cal fee-for-service.

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