



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Department of Health Care Service (DHCS) Tribal and Designees of Indian Health

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Questions and Answers

SPA 22-0001 Adding Community Health Worker Services as a Covered Benefit

1. **Question:** Will Community Health Worker (CHW) services be billable and reimbursable through the IHS-MOA? Will CHW services be reimbursable through the Tribal FQHC?

Response: CHWs are not billable providers in this proposal. IHS-MOA 638 providers and Tribal FQHCs providers will not be reimbursed separately for the CHW services. The costs associated with the delivery of CHW services are included in the federal All-Inclusive Rate (AIR).

2. **Question:** Would DHCS consider allowing CHW services to be billed as a fee-for-service (FFS) similar to the Family Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment (Family PACT) Program and the Breast Cancer Early Detection Program (BCEDP)?

Answer: DHCS does not intend to allow Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, or Tribal Health Programs to bill for CHW services as a FFS payment. CHWs are staff that assist billable providers and do not provide a clinic-billable service.