

Reimbursement of Indian Health Care Providers at Encounter Rate

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Background

- Indian Health Care Providers (IHS, Tribal, Urban Indian organizations) are reimbursed for most services at an encounter rate (like FQHC/RHC clinics). Two types of encounter rates – IHS or PPS:
 - Either Federal Register published IHS rate (all IHS clinics, some tribal clinics, no urban clinics) – 2022 rate \$640
 - Or, clinic-specific PPS rate (no IHS clinics, some tribal, all (1) urban clinic) – (OHA can identify clinic-specific rates)
 - Federal regulations and CCO contracts require CCOs to reimburse IHCPs at the encounter rate these providers receive when they bill fee for service (either the clinic's IHS rate or PPS rate).

Rates

- Applies to all CCO-enrolled patients served by IHCP (not just Native American patients)
- Requirement only applies to services that would have been paid encounter rate if the patient were fee for service
 - Services not reimbursed at the encounter rate when billed fee for service are not required to be reimbursed at the encounter rate by the CCO.

Business Process

- CCOs will need identify each IHCP and their clinic-specific encounter rate (IHS or PPS)
- CCOs will need to know which services would pay at encounter rate
 - Use PPS encounter rate exclusion list
 - Coordinate with OHA and IHCP billing staff
- CCO will need to update billing/payment systems to issue clinic-specific reimbursement rates (IHS/PPS)
- Also includes pharmacy claims for eligible IHS/tribal facilities (not urban)
- Medical/Dental/BH claims for IHS/tribes eligible for up to 5 encounters per day. No limit on pharmacy encounters per day.

Indian Health Care Providers

- Burns Paiute Tribe – 276784
- Chemawa Indian Health Center – 278159
- Ko-Kwel Wellness Center – 165031
- Cow Creek Health and Wellness Center – 500745176
- Cowlitz Indian Health – 028354
- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians – 165383
- Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center – 500786332
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs – 164964
- Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations – 500728128
- Klamath Tribal Health and Family Services – 129861
- Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest – 126370
- Siletz Community Health Clinic – 169841
- United Indian Health Services – Crescent City – 500647068
- United Indian Health Services – Smith River – 500763879
- Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center – 273855
- Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center – 500774697

IHS Rate Clinics – use 2022 IHS rate

- Burns Paiute Tribe – 276784
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- Klamath Tribal Health and Family Services – 129861 (starting 7/1/22)
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- Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center – 273855

Tribal Pharmacies (paid at IHS Rate)

- Chemawa Indian Health Center – 270030
- Klamath Tribal Health and Family Services – 115761
- Siletz Community Health Clinic – 051966
- Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center– 273868
- Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center – 165441
- Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center - 242805

PPS Rate Clinics

- Cow Creek Health and Wellness Center– 500745176
- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians – 165383
- Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center– 500786332
- Klamath Tribal Health and Family Services – 129861 (until 7/1/22)
- Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest – 126370
- Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center – 500774697

PPS Exclusion List

- <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Tools/Procedures%20excluded%20from%20Prospective%20Payment%20System%20encounter%20reimbursement.pdf>
- List of procedure codes excluded from encounter rate reimbursement

By 1/1/2023

- Identify IHCPs (including tribal pharmacies)
- Identify rates for each IHCP (IHS or PPS)
- Identify codes to reimburse for each IHCP (see PPS/IHS exclusion list)
- Identify IHCP staff to help coordinate billing issues
- Reimburse IHCPs at PPS or IHS encounter rate