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TO: Tribal Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (TMAA) programs

SUBJECT: California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB) and Managed Care Beneficiary Claims

The purpose of this Policy and Procedures Letter (PPL) is to clarify that in accordance with PPL 18-019, the costs to provide Non-Medical Transportation (NMT) for Medi-Cal Fee for Service (FFS) beneficiaries will remain reimbursable through the TMAA program for Tribal health programs¹. Costs for providing NMT to Medi-Cal beneficiaries enrolled in Managed Care Plans (MCPs) must be claimed by billing the responsible MCPs.

An Indian Health Care Provider (IHCP) is a health care program operated by the Indian Health Services (IHS), an Indian Tribe, a Tribal Organization, or an Urban Indian Organization as those terms are defined in Section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. § 1603).

MCPs must reimburse IHCPs for covered NMT services provided to managed care members at not less than the Medi-Cal FFS rate in accordance with their Medi-Cal Managed Care Contract with the State. IHCPs are not required to be contracted with MCPs in order to be reimbursed for services provided to American Indians.² However, IHCPs that contract with a MCP as a Network Provider must enroll as a transportation provider in the Medi-Cal program through a State-level enrollment pathway or the MCP's provider enrollment process consistent with All Plan Letter (APL) 19-004³ and federal law.

For questions regarding this PPL, please contact the County Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Unit at CMAA@dhcs.ca.gov and Managed Care Quality and Monitoring Division at MCQMD@dhcs.ca.gov.

¹ See 25 U.S. Code § 1603

² See 42 CFR 438.14(b)(2).

³ See All Plan Letters published at: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Pages/AllPlanLetters.aspx>

Sincerely,

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