
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 on page 2) of the clinic or the center.
3. The IHS MOA clinics may bill for up to three visits a day for one patient, if one is a medical visit, one is an ambulatory visit (as defined in Item D, page 2 of this Supplement), and one is a mental health visit.
4. Encounters with the health professionals listed on page 2 may be billed under the IHS all-inclusive rate.

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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
- Registered Dental Hygienist
- Registered Dental Hygienist in Extended Functions
- Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice
- Clinical Psychologist
- Clinical Social Worker
- Marriage and Family Therapist
- Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor
- Acupuncturist
- Visiting Nurse, if services are provided in the Tribal facilities
- Under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit, 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. Comprehensive Perinatal Service Program providers who are licensed and/or certified practitioners who are able to render covered services in accordance with their scope of practice as identified in California statute. A September 17, 1985, HCPA letter allows these services as a physician or clinic service.

C. In addition, below is a list of associates and interns that may provide Medi-Cal psychology services:

- Associate Marriage and Family Therapist
- Associate Professional Clinical Counselor
- Associate Clinical Social Worker
- Psychological Assistant

Associates and assistants must be under the supervision of a licensed mental health professional, in accordance with their scope of practice and applicable state laws.

D. Except for the services specified under Item E below, the following other ambulatory services, but not limited to, provided by health professionals can be billed under the IHS all-inclusive rate.

- Acupuncture
- 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
- Podiatry
- Drug and alcohol visits (subject to Medi-Cal provider participation requirements)
- Telemedicine and teledentistry (no additional live transmission costs will be reimbursed)
- Optometry

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E. Chiropractic services are covered only for the following beneficiaries:

- Pregnant women, if the chiropractic service is part of their pregnancy-related services or services for a condition that might complicate the pregnancy.
- Individuals who are eligible for the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment benefit.

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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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