
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.

F. Doula services provided by Indian Health Services and Tribal 638 Health Facilities can be billed according to the reimbursement methodology described on page 3u of Attachment 4.19-B.

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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.

Supplemental Incentive Payments for Developmental Screenings

Effective January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2021, a separate fixed rate supplemental incentive payment for developmental screenings will be paid, as described on Page 6X of Attachment 4.19-B, when rendered in Indian Health Services Memorandum of Agreement (IHS-MOA) 638 clinics between the dates listed. These supplemental incentive payments will be in addition to the amounts paid for the office visit that accompanies the screening. For IHS-MOA clinics, these supplemental incentive payments will be available at the fee-for-service rate and will not impact their all-inclusive rate.

CPT Code	Amount
96110	\$59.90

Supplemental Incentive Payments for Trauma Screenings

Effective January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2021, a separate fixed rate supplemental incentive payment for trauma screenings will be paid, as described on Page 6Y of Attachment 4.19-B, when rendered in Indian Health Services Memorandum of Agreement (IHS-MOA) 638 clinics between the dates listed. Providers of trauma screenings are only eligible to receive the supplemental incentive payment one time per beneficiary.

The Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes and payment rates are fixed at the amount listed in the chart below for each eligible trauma screening (per Supplement 32 to Attachment 4.19-B, Page 1). These supplemental incentive payments will be in addition to the amounts paid for the office visit that accompanies the screening. For IHS-MOA clinics, these supplemental incentive payments will be available at the fee-for-service rate and will not impact their all-inclusive rate.

HCPCS Codes	Amount
G9919 – positive screening with patient score of 4 or greater	\$29.00
G9920 – negative screening with patient score of 0-3	\$29.00

Alternative Payment Methodology (APM) for Tribal Federally Qualified Health Centers (Tribal-FQHC)

1. Tribal facilities operating in accordance with section 1905(l)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act and the Indian Self-Determination Act (Public Law 93-638) that enroll in Medi-Cal as a Tribal-FQHC will be paid using an Alternative Payment Methodology (APM) that is the All-Inclusive Rate (AIR) for services published annually in the Federal Register. Individual Tribal FQHCs must agree to receive the APM.
2. Medi-Cal will establish an APM utilizing the Prospective Payment System (PPS) methodology for Tribal FQHCs so that DHCS can determine on an annual basis that the published AIR is higher than the PPS rate. The PPS rate will be established by reference to payments to one or more other clinics with similar caseloads. The Tribal FQHCs would not be required to report FQHC reportable costs for the purposes of establishing a PPS rate.
3. Tribal FQHCs will be reimbursed for up to three visits per day, per beneficiary, in any combination of medical, mental health, dental, and ambulatory visits.

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Dental services will continue to be reimbursed at the federal All-Inclusive Rate (AIR).

Supplemental Incentive Payments for Select Preventive Dental Services

Effective January 1, 2022, a separate supplemental incentive payment for select preventive dental services will be paid, as described on Page 6Z.1 of Attachment 4.19-B, when rendered in Indian Health Services Memorandum of Agreement (IHS-MOA) 638 clinics. These supplemental incentive payments will be in addition to the AIR for the office visit that accompanies the service. Payments are issued in a monthly lump sum based on claims received from the previous month; the supplemental incentive payment is only available one time per date of service. For IHS-MOA clinics, these supplemental incentive payments will be available at the rate of 75% of the dental Schedule of Maximum Allowances (SMA) rate and will not impact the clinics' AIR. Services eligible for the supplemental incentive payment are listed below.

Preventive services Current Dental Terminology (CDT) codes (children under age 21):

- D1120
- D1206
- D1208
- D1351
- D1352
- D1510
- D1516
- D1517
- D1526
- D1527
- D1551
- D1552
- D1553
- D1556
- D1557
- D1558
- D1575

Preventive services CDT codes (adults age 21 and over):

- D1320
- D1999

For reference, the SMA effective dates and a link to the dental SMA fee schedule are located in Attachment 4-19.B, Page 20b of California's State Plan.

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Dental services will continue to be reimbursed at the AIR.

Supplemental Incentive Payments for Select Annual Dental Exam Services

Effective January 1, 2022, a separate fixed-rate supplemental incentive payment for select annual dental exam services will be paid, as described on Page 6Z.1 of Attachment 4.19-B, when rendered in Indian Health Services Memorandum of Agreement (IHS-MOA) 638 clinics. These supplemental incentive payments will be in addition to the AIR for the office visit that accompanies the service. Payments are issued in a monthly lump sum based on claims received from the previous month. The supplemental incentive payment is only available one time per year for each member who received an eligible dental exam and received an eligible dental exam the previous year from the same dental office. For IHS-MOA clinics, these supplemental incentive payments will be available at the rate of \$55 and will not impact the clinics' AIR. Services eligible for the supplemental incentive payment are listed below.

Dental exam services CDT codes (all ages):

- D0120
- D0145
- D0150

For reference, the SMA effective dates and a link to the dental SMA fee schedule are located in Attachment 4-19.B, Page 20b of California's State Plan.