

Public and Tribal Notice

Wyoming Department of Health, Medicaid

Change in Coverage and Reimbursement Methodology for Indian Health Facilities

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Public and Tribal notice is hereby given effective for dates of service July 1, 2016 or as approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Wyoming Department of Health, Division of Healthcare Financing (Medicaid) will modify coverage and rates payable to Indian Health Service or eligible P.L. 93-638 tribal health providers with the exception of tribal nursing facilities.

The Department will remove current restrictions on the number of encounters billable per day. Payment for multiple encounters on the same day of service will be allowed only if the services are categorically different and/or provided for distinct and separate diagnoses. Different categories of allowable services shall include but are not limited to practitioner services, mental health services, optometric services, dental services, physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy. Home health services will continue to be limited to a maximum of three (3) encounters per day.

Pharmacy encounters will be paid at the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clinic encounter rate and will not be limited to a certain number of prescriptions per day.

Payments to Indian health facilities shall be per visit/per encounter and based upon the approved rates published each year in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service, under the authority of Section 321 (a) and 322 (b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 USC 248 and 249 (b)), Public Law 83-568 (42 USC 2001 (a)), and the Indian Health Improvement Act (25 USC 1601 seq.). Total payment will be the most current OMB clinic encounter rate adjusted to align with the percentage above the Medicaid regional average rates by service category outlined in the most recent Wyoming Medicaid Access Monitoring Review plan (42 CFR 447.203) submitted to CMS. If the most recent Medicaid regional average rate by service category is equal to or less than Wyoming Medicaid's current rate, the encounter rate paid will be the approved federal encounter rate published for that year.

Budget implications **(NOTE: This is an increase in federal funding and does not impact state general fund expenditures)**

Type	Budget change
Multiple encounters	+ \$603,520
Pharmacy encounters	+ \$5,456,780
Increased encounter rate	+ \$472,615

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