



Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Health Center
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Dear Provider:

I am writing to inform you of a Health Services Program that assists with the medical and dental needs of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Nation members. In many cases, our Tribal members are patients of yours and have already submitted invoices for your services.

The Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency within the Department of Health Human Services, is responsible for providing federal health services to over 900,000 American Indians and Alaska Natives. Through the IHS Contract Health Services (CHS) Program, the IHS can “purchase health services not available in it’s (or Tribal) facilities. The U.S. Congress funds the IHS/CHS Program each year.

The CHS Program is not:

- An entitlement program (such as Medicare)
- An insurance program
- An established benefit package

CHS payments are authorized based on clearly defined guidelines and eligibility criteria (determined by the referral source) and are subject to availability of funds. The IHS is the “Payor of Last Resort” and utilizes other alternate resources first to maximize limited health care resources for Native American people before authorizing expenditure of CHS funds. IHS cannot guarantee that funds are always available. Payments for health care in non-IHS facilities can only be authorized by a CHS Official and such authorization is evidenced by a “Purchase Order.” No one else can authorize payments. CHS payments are authorized based on Medical Priority (as determined by the referring Physician or Mid-level Provider), guidelines and eligibility criteria. As a Federal purchaser of inpatient health care from the private sector, IHS utilizes a procurement process – Rate Quote Methodology to negotiate purchases agreements with willing hospitals and specialty providers. The Rate Quote Methodology process assists IHS with procuring the most favorable rates because the Congressional appropriated CHS funding level has not kept pace with health care inflation costs.

If you would like to become provider under the CHS program please complete the enclosed contract. The following information must be submitted for prompt payment of services provided.

- NPI number
- Federal Identification number
- W – 9 Form
- Central Contractor Registration – www.ccr.gov
- DUNNS – www.dnb.com
- CMS 1500/UB04/EOB

Should you have any questions concerning the CHS or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 508-477-0209, extension #112.

Sincerely,

Robyn Tobey Stamps
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