

POLICIES AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

Chapter:	Service Delivery System		
Title:	Indian Health Services/Tribally-Operated Facility/Urban Indian Clinic Services (I/T/U)		
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Purpose

To ensure that the Mid-State Health Network (MSHN) has a policy that standardizes the regional service coverage approach to be consistent with the requirements of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) contract.

Policy

It is the policy of MSHN to pay any Indian Health Service, Tribal Operated Facility Organization/Program/Urban Indian Clinic (I/T/U), or I/T/U contractor, whether participating in the PIHP provider network or not, for PIHP authorized medically necessary covered Medicaid managed care services provided to Medicaid beneficiary/Indian enrollees who are eligible to receive services from the I/T/U provider either at a rate negotiated between the PIHP and the I/T/U provider, or if there is no negotiated rate, at a rate not less than the level and amount of payment that would be made if the provider were not an I/T/U provider.

General

Under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (Public Law 93-638), tribal facilities, including Tribal Health Centers (THCs), are those owned and operated by American Indian/Alaska Native tribes and tribal organizations under contract or compact with Indian Health Service (IHS). Mental health and substance use disorder services provided at the THC to American Indian and Alaska Native beneficiaries do not require the authorization of MSHN.

American Indians and Alaska Natives who are Medicaid beneficiaries can obtain mental health or substance abuse treatment services directly from the THC or may choose to obtain services from a PIHP program. There is a process available for Tribal Health Providers to be reimbursed using Medicaid funds for providing behavioral health services, when the Tribal Health Provider has chosen not to be part of a Medicaid Health Plan's (MHP) or PIHP's provider network. Tribal Health Providers can also be paid by the PIHPs when they provide a covered medically necessary Medicaid service to a Medicaid eligible tribal member who has a serious mental illness or a substance use disorder. THC services are not included in the MDHHS §1915(b) Managed Specialty Services and Supports Waiver for PIHPs and substance use disorder services. THCs may refer tribal members to the PIHP/Community Mental Health Service Program (CMHSP) for mental health or substance abuse treatment services not provided at the THC.

Under the Michigan Medicaid State Plan, THCs have the option of choosing from one of four reimbursement mechanisms. The THC may elect to be reimbursed under only one of the options listed below, and the selected option applies to all beneficiaries receiving services at the THC.

The options are:

- A THC may choose to be certified as an IHS facility, and receive the HIS outpatient all-inclusive rate (AIR) for eligible encounters. The AIR applies to encounters for both native and non-native Medicaid beneficiaries. THCs are reimbursed at the AIR unless the THC chooses a different payment option and informs MDHHS of the choice in writing.

- If a THC chooses to be reimbursed as an FQHC, the entity would be required to adhere to the same requirements specified in the Federally Qualified Health Centers chapter of the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual. A Tribal facility may choose to enroll as a Tribal FQHC and be reimbursed for outpatient face-to-face visits with the FQHC scope of services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries, including telemedicine and services provided by contracted employees. Tribal FQHCs are eligible to receive the HIS outpatient AIR for eligible encounters.
- A THC may be reimbursed as a fee-for-service provider. THC's choosing this option receive payment for covered services. No additional reimbursement or settlement is made.

The PIHP will have a designated tribal liaison who will ensure that any tribal members seeking services through the PIHP/CMHSP are able to access services efficiently and without barriers by serving as a primary point of contact in the MSHN region and by providing guidance to CMHSP and SUD service providers who perform access responsibilities on behalf of the PIHP.

Applies to

- All Mid-State Health Network Staff
- Selected MSHN Staff, as follows:
- MSHN CMHSP Participants: Policy Only Policy and Procedure
- Other: Sub-contract Providers

Definitions

- CMHSP: Community Mental Health Services Program
- FQHC: Federally Qualified Health Center
- IHS: Indian Health Service
- I/T/U: Indian Health Service, Tribal Operated Facility Organization/Program/Urban Indian Clinic
- MDHHS: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
- MHP: Medicaid Health Plan
- MOA: Memorandum of Agreement
- MSHN: Mid-State Health Network
- PIHP: Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plan
- THC: Tribal Health Center

Other Related Materials References/Legal Authority

- Medicaid Managed Specialty Supports and Services Concurrent 1915(b)/(c) Waiver Program/MDHHS-
- PIHP Contract
- Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual/Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disabilities Supports and Services

Change Log:

Date of Change	Description of Change	Responsible Party
10.29.2017	New policy	Utilization Management & Waiver Director
02.2019	Annual review	Chief Behavioral Health Officer
08.27.2020	Annual review	Chief Behavioral Health Officer
09.2022	Biennial Review	Chief Behavioral Health Officer
06.2024	Biennial Review	Chief Behavioral Health Officer