



Indian Health Services (IHS) and Tribal Clinics

Reimbursements

Indian Health Services (IHS) and tribal clinics are reimbursed at the all-inclusive encounter rate.

In order to be reimbursed:

1. The service must have been medically necessary as defined in [Medicaid Services Manual \(MSM\) Chapter 100 \(Medicaid Program\)](#), and
2. The recipient must have been eligible for Nevada Medicaid/Nevada Check Up and IHS or tribal clinic services when the service was provided.

Prior authorization requirements

Covered services provided at an IHS or tribal clinic to eligible Medicaid or Nevada Check Up American Indian or Alaskan Native (AI/AN) recipients do not require prior authorization.

Telehealth

1. Providers must follow guidelines set forth in [MSM Chapter 3400 \(Telehealth Services\)](#).
2. Originating site: Use procedure code Q3014 with GT modifier in field 24D on the CMS-1500 Claim Form. Originating site Telehealth services are not reimbursable as encounters.
3. Distant site: Use encounter code T1015. Distant site Telehealth services may be reimbursable as encounters (see Encounters below).

Encounter service limits

IHS and tribal clinics may receive up to three (3) outpatient encounters per recipient, per day, by the listed provider.

Encounter code

T1015 (Clinic visit/encounter, all-inclusive)

Encounters

Clinics may only request reimbursement for one (1) professional group, per recipient, per day, by the listed provider. However, in emergency situations (as defined in the [Addendum to the Medicaid Services Manual](#)) clinics may request up to two (2) encounters for the same professional group, per recipient, per day, by the listed provider.

Each of the professional groups listed below is considered an independent (i.e., separate) outpatient encounter:

1. Physician or Osteopath
2. Podiatrist
3. Dentist



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4. Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
5. Nurse Anesthetist
6. Nurse Midwife
7. Physician Assistant
8. Optometrist
9. Psychologist
10. Radiologist
11. Pharmacy
12. Optician, and
13. Clinical Laboratory

Encounter examples

Scenario one: The following three encounters with different professional groups are allowed on the same day:

Encounter 1: Recipient visits physician who writes a prescription.

Encounter 2: Recipient visits the pharmacy to fill the prescription.

Encounter 3: Recipient visits a psychologist.

Scenario two: Only one of the following encounters is allowed, because the profession is the same.

Encounter 1: Recipient visits physician for a sore throat in the morning.

Encounter 2: Recipient visits physician for dermatitis in the afternoon.

Scenario three: The following exception to the service limitation allows for emergency situations. In this situation, two encounters with the same profession are allowed:

Encounter 1: Recipient visits physician for a sore throat in the morning.

Encounter 2: Recipient visits physician for a broken arm in the afternoon.

Preventative services

1. Family Planning: When family planning services are provided, include the most appropriate V (ICD-9) code. Providers are encouraged to provide family planning services as outlined in [MSM Chapter 600 \(Physician Services\)](#).
2. Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Services: When EPSDT services are provided, include the most appropriate V (ICD-9) code. Providers are encouraged to follow the periodicity schedule listed in [MSM Chapter 1500 \(Healthy Kids Program\)](#).