



PRC ROUTINE VISION CARE POLICY

Effective Date: 6/1/2020

Policy: Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah (PITU) members and other eligible AI/AN must follow these procedures when obtaining routine vision services.

- A. Requirements.** The following requirements apply to all categories of eligible AI/AN patients including students, transients, and patients who leave the *Contract Health Service Delivery Area (CHSDA)*.
- a. No payment will be made for:
 - i. Vision services obtained from medical/dental providers unless the requirements listed below have been met and a prior-authorization for the care and services have been issued to the vision care provider by the appropriate Health Department official.
 - ii. Vision services when a patient is non-compliant with alternate resource applications.
 - iii. Vision services when a patient is non-compliant in following their primary insurance requirements. Patients must use the primary insurance network providers.
 - b. In non-emergency cases, an eligible AI/AN, an individual or agency acting on behalf of the client or the medical care provider, shall:
 - i. Prior to the provision of vision services, notify the appropriate FourPoints Health clinic staff of the need for services and supply information upon request, to allow eligibility determination and verification of required referrals.
- B. Scope of Service.**
- a. Limits on vision services:
 - i. Eligible members are limited to one (1) pair of glasses and exam every year.

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- ii. Both adults and youth are limited to \$300 per individual. \$150 towards exam and \$150 towards glasses or contacts. Any balance exceeding that amount must be paid in full before PRC funds are allocated.
 - b. Youth still attending school with scratched, broken, damaged or lost glasses may be replaced one time at ½ the cost to the parent/guardian. Otherwise the cost will be at the parent/guardian's expense.
 - c. Contact lenses: The client may choose to use the \$150 towards contact lenses with the following limitations; maximum of \$150 every year allowance. Cleaning solution, cases and other contact related items are not covered.
 - d. Eye exams must be obtained through the Tribal Clinic.
 - i. Exceptions to this policy may be waived on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the Health Department.
 - ii. Pre-approved examinations provided outside of the clinic will be limited to a \$150 payment.
- C. **Students, Transients, In-custody persons and Patients.** Authorization for PRC for students, transients, in-custody persons and clients who are currently eligible for CHS funding and who leave the CHSDA will be considered under the following conditions:
- a. Tribal members or other eligible AI/ANs who are temporarily outside of the service area attending full-time schooling (i.e. boarding school, college, vocational/technical school), participating in medical or behavioral health treatment, or who are transient, and who were eligible for PRC funding prior to leaving the service area, will remain eligible for PRC funding for up to 180 days.
 - b. Clients who are in-custody or incarcerated in a city, state or federal prison or jail at the time of service are not covered under Tribal funds as they are considered wards of the State.
- D. **Procedure.** Procedure and documentation requirements for Optometry.
- a. Patient contacts their preferred Optometrist and confirms they accept patient's insurance if applicable and payment from PRC for both exam and hardware.
 - b. Patient schedules appointment for eye exam.
 - c. Patient verifies PRC eligibility with FourPoints Health and requests a PO number prior to their appointment.



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- d. Patient provides PO number at the time of their Optometry appointment and requests that a summary of the visit be sent to their FourPoints Health provider.
 - e. The Optometry visit summary is entered into the patient's FourPoints Health chart by the provider or nurse/medical assistant.
- E. **Compliance.** No payment will be made in instances where required prior-authorization has not been obtained by the client, or client representative, the incurred charges become the responsibility of the client or parent/guardian.

Definitions

AI/AN – American Indian/Alaskan Native.

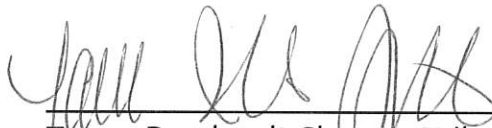
Transient – 1. not lasting long 2. staying somewhere only a short time.

CHSDA – Contract Health Service Delivery Area (Washington, Millard, Iron or Sevier counties) IHS – Indian Health Services

PRC – Purchased Referred Care

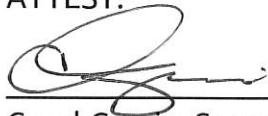
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the forgoing Purchased Referred Care Dental Policy was fully considered and adopted by the Tribal Council/Health Board at a duly called meeting in Cedar City, Utah, at which a quorum was present, and that the same was passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent, and 1 abstained, this 1st day of June 2020.



Tamra Borchardt-Slayton, Tribal Chairwoman

ATTEST:



Carol Garcia, Secretary



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