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Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

All Provider Types

Cost Sharing Exemption under ARRA

Indian Health Service (IHS) claims are currently exempt from Medicaid cost sharing for those services performed by an IHS provider. However, if the client receives services from a provider (under a contract health service arrangement with IHS), they were historically subject to cost share depending on the type of provider from which they receive services.

Effective July 1, 2010, IHS clients that seek services provided under a contract health service referral from non-IHS providers or from an Urban Indian Clinic will not be subject to cost share.

IHS providers have a referral form that they will give to the IHS client. The client will then give this form to the non-IHS provider to document the exemption of the client from cost share. Only Indian clients that go to an IHS provider, Urban Indian Clinic or are referred by the IHS will be considered exempt from cost share for this reason. (They may be exempt for other reasons, i.e., pregnant, under 21 etc.).

In order to have this exemption to cost share apply so the appropriate payments are made to providers, providers must indicate that they have received documentation of the referral by placing the IHS National Provider Identifier (NPI) number of the referring facility in Field I7b on the CMS-1500 form or Form Locator 30 on the UB-04. Providers will have to write the IHS referral number on the dental claim form, indicating that this is an IHS NPI referral number. For providers that bill electronically, the NPI of the referring IHS facility should go in Loop 2310C, Other Provider Name on the 837I (Institutional) transaction and in Loop 2310A, Referring Provider Name on the 837P (Professional) and 837D (Dental) transactions. Providers should maintain a copy of the referral in the patient record to document the cost share exemption.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

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