



MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

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Indian Health Service/Tribal 638 Providers

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New Medicaid Reimbursement Opportunity for Physical Therapy Services

The Department has created a new opportunity for IHS and Tribes to bill for physical therapist services through the Montana Medicaid IHS/Tribal State Plan at the All-Inclusive Rate (AIR). In order for a Tribe to be eligible for the AIR, a current 638 agreement that includes physical therapy within the scope of services will need to be submitted to Montana Medicaid.

The new revenue codes now covered include:

Revenue Code	Explanation
420	Physical Therapy General
423	Physical Therapy Group

Montana Medicaid **covers** physical therapy services that are restorative therapy services and are performed with a reasonable expectation that the recipient's function will improve significantly in a reasonable and predictable period of time, based on an assessment of the recipient's restoration potential made by the referring physician or mid-level practitioner and the licensed therapist.

Montana Medicaid **does not cover** therapy services that are maintenance therapy. This means therapy that is repetitive and required to maintain functions without a reasonable expectation of significant progress and do not involve complex and sophisticated therapy services requiring the skill of a licensed therapist.

Contact Information

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