

**Date: 5/4/2023**

**Medi-Cal**

**Important Provider Notice: #457**

**Subject: Updated OMB Rates for IHS/Tribal FQHC Claims Effective Dates of Service  
January 1, 2023**

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) updated OMB encounter rates for Indian Health Services (IHS) for Tribal Federally Qualified Health Centers (Tribal FQHC) and Tribal health Programs. The rate updates are effective for dates of service on or after 1/1/23. Claims submitted to Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) should be billed with the new rate, and will be reimbursed accordingly. Claims paid at the interim rate prior to the update will be adjusted. If the rate was increased, the adjustment is positive. If the rate was reduced, a refund may be required.

**Rate Increased – Positive Adjustments**

No action is required from the provider. Affected claims will be adjusted by PHC to pay the new rate, and will appear on your Remittance Advice (RA).

If you disagree with the outcome of a rate adjustment made as part of this process, you may follow up with the Claims Department Recovery Unit via email (email listed below) to request review. Providers will have 6 months from the date of the RA reflecting the rate adjustment to request review. Requests made beyond the 6 month timeframe are subject to automatic denial. Please do not submit CIFs requesting the rate adjustment. PHC will not make rate adjustments through the CIF process.

**Rate reduced – Refund Required**

PHC will notify providers whose claims have been identified as overpaid as a result of a reduced date. Notification will come in the form of a PHC issued Refund Request letter, accompanied by a list of affected claims. Providers will have 30 working days from the date of the Refund Request letter to refund PHC the total overpayment amount indicated. Providers may also choose to request a repayment arrangement, allowing reimbursement to be made on an incremental basis, over a 4-6 month period. Repayment arrangement requests should be made via email to the PHC Claims Department Recovery Unit (email listed below).

**Claim Corrections and Disputes**

Providers wishing to make corrections of any kind to a previously processed claim, or submit a claim dispute unrelated to the rate adjustment process described above, may do so following PHC's CIF and Appeal guidelines. Please note, providers have 6 months from the original paid/denied date of a claim to submit a CIF to PHC for review. CIFs received after 6 months are subject to automatic denial.

**CIFs and Appeals submitted to PHC requesting claim corrections of any kind, must be submitted with the correct billed amount for the date of service in question, regardless if the claim was previously adjusted for retro rate and/or payment updates.**

The complete CIF and Appeal process, including timelines and requirements, can be found in the PHC Provider Manual sections below.

[http://www.partnershiphp.org/Providers/Policies/Documents/Claims/Medi-Cal\\_Section%203.Subsection%20VIII.pdf](http://www.partnershiphp.org/Providers/Policies/Documents/Claims/Medi-Cal_Section%203.Subsection%20VIII.pdf)

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For questions regarding retroactive rate updates and related PHC claim adjustment processes, please email the PHC Claims Department Recovery Unit at:

Recovery Unit contact for Southern Region Providers: [sr\\_ltc@partnershiphp.org](mailto:sr_ltc@partnershiphp.org)

Recovery Unit contact for Northern Region Providers: [nr\\_ltc@partnershiphp.org](mailto:nr_ltc@partnershiphp.org)

**For questions regarding the CIF and Appeal guidelines, please contact the PHC Claims Customer Service Department at (800) 863-4155.**