



VA Alaska Tribal Health Program (THP) Reimbursement Agreements Program (RAP)

Overview

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) - Alaska THP RAP allows Alaska THP health care facilities to receive reimbursement from the VA for healthcare services provided to eligible American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Veterans and authorized services to all other eligible Veterans.

Benefits

- Medical Benefits Package: VA will reimburse for healthcare services provided in VA's medical benefits package available to eligible Veterans under [38 CFR § 17.38](#).
- Choice of Care Provider: Eligible AI/AN Veterans can choose to receive their health care from an Alaska THP facility participating in the RAP and/or VA facility.
- No Prior Authorization For AI/AN Veterans: VA preauthorization is not required for participating I/T/U facilities providing direct care services Eligible AI/AN Veterans to be reimbursed. All other VA eligible Veterans must receive authorization prior to receiving services.
- No Copayment: VA Copayments do not apply to healthcare services delivered by Alaska THP facilities.
- Outpatient Pharmacy: The VA will reimburse Alaska THP facilities for outpatient medications dispensed by the facility that are on the VA's formulary. Non-Native Veterans are limited to 30-days supply after which they must get their prescription from the Alaska VAMC.
- No Outstanding Balances: Alaska THP facilities can have VA as the primary payer, but VA payments are considered payment in full.

Eligibility and Enrollment

An AI/AN Veteran is eligible if they are enrolled in VA's system of patient enrollment per 38 U.S.C. § 1705 and

38 C.F.R. 1736 or is otherwise eligible for hospital care and medical services under 38 U.S.C. § 1705 (c)(2) and 38 C.F.R. 17.37 (a)-(c). The AI/AN Veteran must also be eligible for health care services from Alaska THP.

Payment Methodologies

Healthcare Services are reimbursed according to the following payment methods and rates:

- Outpatient Services: IHS All Inclusive Rate published in the Federal Register.
- Inpatient Hospital Services: IHS All Inclusive Rate Inpatient Hospital Per Diem (excludes Physician/Practitioners Services).
- Critical Access Hospitals: Medicare rates.
- Ambulatory Surgical Services: Medicare rates.
- Outpatient Pharmacy: Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) plus dispensing fee.
- Clinical Services, including Certified Community Health Aide Service (CCHA) - 85% of the Outpatient IHS All Inclusive Rate.

Website

For more information, please visit the following websites:

- [VHA Office of Integral Veteran Care \(IVC\) Website](#)
- [VA Office of Tribal Government Relations Website](#)

Contact Information

For questions or more information on getting started with the reimbursement agreement, contact the VA at Tribal.Agreements@va.gov.