



Indian Health Council, Inc.



Direct Services Reimbursement Agreements between
Tribal Health Programs (THP) and Local Veterans
Administration (VA) Healthcare System



Reimbursement Agreement (RA) Summary

- The RA is to facilitate reimbursement to the THP by the VA for eligible healthcare services, specifically Direct Care Services (On-Site Services, Medical, Pharmacy, Etc...) provided by the THP to eligible AI/AN Veterans.



How do you start?

Attach a letter requesting your Tribal Health Program to enter into a Reimbursement Agreement with your local VA health care system.

Send email to : Tribal.agreements@va.gov



Step-by-Step Process

- 1. The THP initiates the program request with the CBO (by emailing Tribal.agreements@va.gov) or with their local VAMC.*
- 2. The Chief Business Office (CBO) of Purchased Care provides the Provider Orientation and agreement template, site readiness checklist, and other relevant documents to integrate the THP into the reimbursement program.*
- 3. CBO Purchased Care alerts the relevant VISN/VAMC and initiates a meeting.*
- 4. The VA establishes an Implementation Team to include the CBO Purchased Care Office, VISN and VAMC representatives, VA Contracting Officer, and General Counsel.*
- 5. The VA Implementation Team works with THP to develop Sharing Agreement.*
- 6. THP works to complete agreement and meet site readiness criteria.*
- 7. VA will verify THP readiness.*
- 8. VA will route the final documents and coordinate the signatures required for approval.*



Site Readiness

- The following is a set of criteria for each THP site to complete prior to receiving final approval of the Agreement and prior to seeking reimbursement for claims:
 1. **Received Enrollment Training.**
 2. **Provided Certification/ Accreditation. (CMS) certification (Conditions of Participation/Conditions of Coverage) and/or (TJC) or (AAAHC)**
 3. **Volume Estimate. Estimate of number of enrolled AI/AN Veterans.**
 4. **Vendorized in VISTA.**
 5. **Unique Provider Information.(TIN)**
 6. **Provider Covered and Non-Covered Services. Must provide a list of covered and non-covered services for the THP (Resource Guide)**
 7. **EDI Capable & Emdeon Connection – (Electronic Billing)**
 8. **Unique Claim Fields- (Electronic Billing)**



All Documentation needed on VA website

VA Office of Tribal Government Relations Website:

<http://www.va.gov/tribalgovernment/>

Tribal Health Programs Provider Orientation
Template THP Reimbursement Agreement