



Louden Tribal Council

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Tribal Indian Health Service (IHS) Shares Policy

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The purpose of the scope of work is to establish the protocols for providing services to enrolled Tribal Members requiring health improvement treatment. Areas that are covered and their respective spending caps. Reimbursements will be tracked on an annual basis (Calendar year):

1. Dental: \$3,000
2. Eye care: \$1,000
3. Physical Therapy: \$2,000
4. Hearing aids: full coverage
5. Other health care (mental health, etc.): \$2,000

Tribal Member must provide certification from the health care provider of services or scheduled to be provided at the:

1. Edgar Nollner Health Center
2. Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center
3. Alaska Native Medical Center
4. Southcentral Foundation
5. or other approved providers

Requirements:

- Must be an enrolled member of Galena Village (aka Louden Tribal Council).
- Must complete LTC Healthcare Reimbursement form.
- Must provide receipts showing payment for reimbursement of eyeglasses, contacts, dentures, bridges, surgery, crowns, or physical therapy. Contact Tribal Administrator if paying for services at the time of service is not possible due to financial hardship.
- If a Tribal member has insurance in addition to IHS, he/she must first use that insurance before requesting reimbursement.

Services Covered:

- A. Accommodations in patient hostels in Fairbanks, Anchorage, or surrounding areas for medical appointments/services.
- B. Exception can be made for hotel accommodations only after hostels verify there are no vacancies during scheduled appointments.
- C. Meals and rental cars will not be reimbursed.

- D. Air fare and hotel for out-of-state medical treatment, i.e., patients receiving cancer treatment of follow-up treatment in Seattle, surgeries that cannot be performed in Alaska, or burn victims receiving treatment. Must get pre-approval from Tribal Administrator.
- E. Air fare and hotel for medical services that cannot be reasonably obtained in Galena. Must get pre-approved from Tribal Administrator.
- F. Eyeglasses and contacts will be reimbursed to the maximum amount of \$1000.00. Eye exams will be covered on a case-by-case basis.
- G. Hearing Aids will be reimbursed up to 100%. Case-by-case determination by Tribal Administrator.
- H. Dental work covered will include the following:
 - Pre-approved appointments by Edgar Nollner Health Clinic, Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center Dental, Alaska Native Medical Center Dental, Southcentral Foundation Dental or other approved providers.
 - Dentures, bridges, surgery, implants and crowns.
 - Braces for other than cosmetic concerns, i.e., needed for speech correction, special tooth alignment to prevent future medical problems.
- I. Travel will be paid for under special circumstances and reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Tribal Administrator.

Note: If you would like Louden to pay for eyeglasses and contacts obtained at Tanana Chiefs (TCC) Eye Clinic and you don't mind waiting to pick up your glasses or contacts, ask the TCC Eye Clinic to send the invoice to Louden. LTC will pay when we receive the invoice. TCC will contact you when your items are ready to pick up.

LTC reserves the right to update the policy as required to meet the funding and budget requirements.