

## PUBLIC NOTICE

May 21, 2018

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 447.205, public notice is hereby given to the submission of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 18-0009 Indian Health Services (IHS) Encounter Limit. The Division of Medicaid, in the Office of the Governor, will submit this proposed SPA to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) effective June 1, 2018, contingent upon approval from CMS, our Transmittal #18-0009.

1. Mississippi Medicaid SPA 18-0009 IHS Encounter Limit is being submitted to allow the Division of Medicaid to reimburse IHS up to five (5) outpatient visits per beneficiary per calendar day for professional services at the most current applicable rates published in the Federal Register or Federal Register Notices.
2. The estimated annual financial impact in state dollars is \$0.00 as IHS is funded one-hundred percent (100%) with federal dollars. The annual federal financial impact is estimated to be an increase of \$3,223,423 at the 2018 federal register rate of \$427 per encounter. This dollar impact is based on an estimated utilization increase of fifty percent (50%) of the 15,098 encounters identified from state fiscal year (SFY) 17 claims data.
3. The Division of Medicaid is submitting this SPA in response to a request made by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI).
4. A copy of the proposed SPA will be available in each county health department office and in the Department of Human Services office in Issaquena County for review. A hard copy can be downloaded and printed from [www.medicaid.ms.gov](http://www.medicaid.ms.gov), or requested at 601-359-2081 or by emailing at [Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov](mailto:Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov).
5. Written comments will be received by the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor, Office of Policy, Walter Sillers Building, Suite 1000, 550 High Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, or [Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov](mailto:Margaret.Wilson@medicaid.ms.gov) for thirty (30) days from the date of this notice. Comments will be available for public review at the above address and on the Division of Medicaid's website at [www.medicaid.ms.gov](http://www.medicaid.ms.gov).
6. A public hearing on this SPA will not be held.

State of Mississippi

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REIMBURSEMENT FOR INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES  
AND TRIBAL 638 HEALTH FACILITIES

~~Effective January 1, 2000, Mississippi will reimburse for Indian Health Service and Tribal 638 Health Facilities in accordance with the most recent Federal Register notice.~~

Services provided by or through facilities of the Indian Health Services (IHS) which includes, at the option of the tribe, facilities operated by a tribe or tribal organization and funded by Title I or V of the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act, also known as Tribal 638 facilities, are paid at the most current applicable rates published in the Federal Register or Federal Register Notices.

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