

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Health

Policy and Procedure – Health Services/Purchased and Referred Care

SUBJECT: Alternate resources

PURPOSE: To inform patients of their responsibility to apply for alternate healthcare insurance.

POLICY: Application for alternate resources is required of all PRC members. Under Federal Law, PRC is a payor of last resort.

PRC members are required to apply for alternate health care coverage.

PRC staff strive to locate or procure the lowest costs for referred services. Providers in PRC network generally accept 'Medicare like' rates; PRC members are required to seek referred care from providers who accept such payment rates. Decision to allow care costs above the established rates are decided on a case-by-case basis. Decisions will be jointly made by Medical Director and PRC staff.

Premium costs for primary insurance for an eligible patient may be paid by PRC office if deemed financially reasonable by PRC staff. If cost is deemed unreasonable and no other alternative resources are available, the member will maintain their PRC membership.

PRC members **who do not comply** with the requirement to apply for alternate resources will receive a termination letter from the Health Services Director. The patient will have an additional 30 days from date of termination letter to complete the application for alternate resources. Failure to do so will result in termination of PRC benefits.

Any charges incurred for health services during the uncovered period will be the member's responsibility.

PRC eligible children will have coverage for urgent or emergency care if the legal guardian has not completed the alternative resources application.

PROCEDURES: PRC staff will assist eligible members with the registration process as indicated. Patient should be subtly assessed for literacy and comprehension in the application process.

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The PRC office mailing address may be used to expedite information requests from alternate resources.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

PRC is the payor of last resort under Federal Law 42CFR136.61

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