

Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribal Health

Policy and Procedure – Health Services/Purchased and Referred Care

SUBJECT: Eligibility for Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) membership

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to clarify eligibility for PRC services.

POLICY: The established criteria for eligibility for PGST PRC membership is:

- Enrollment in Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe
- First generation descendants of PGST enrolled tribal members living in Kitsap County
- non-member Indians enrolled in other Federally recognized tribe who reside on PGST reservation
- Newborn infants of PGST enrolled members who reside in Kitsap County. See Other Information.
- Women who are pregnant with the child of an enrolled PGST member when the father of the baby or a court of competent jurisdiction attest to paternity
- PGST enrolled members who are enrolled full-time in an accredited vocational, technical, or academic institution and are temporarily absent from Kitsap County for such training.
- Children (Native or non-Native) who have been legally adopted by eligible parent(s) until the children attain 18 years of age.
- Foster children (Native or non-Native) who are in legal custody of eligible parent(s) until the children attain 18 years of age or are no longer in care of eligible parents; and
- In cases of a public health hazard, the Medical Director determines treatment of non-eligible persons is necessary to prevent infectious disease outbreak or other public health epidemics.

If patients do not meet the criteria for PRC membership, they may still receive care at PGST health facilities. Non-eligible patients are eligible for services and should be referred to as ‘direct care only’ patients. (Refer to Patient Registration policy).

Specific Individual Exclusions: Members of the Suquamish Tribe are excluded from PRC coverage. Suquamish Tribal members may obtain healthcare services in PGST clinics.

PROCEDURES: If a patient is eligible for primary insurance coverage, PGST will assist in the process by helping patients gather the essential documents and forms.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Newborn Eligibility: Parents must fill out PGST registration form to register their newborn for clinic and PRC services. Parents are required to register this information within 60 days of infant birth. Coverage is retroactive to date of birth. If the parent fails to register the infant within 60 days, PGST cannot be held liable for medical bills incurred prior to date of registration.

Proximity to PGST clinics: Eligible beneficiaries residing within 15-miles of PGST Health Services are required to seek their primary care from the Tribal Clinic. Eligible beneficiaries who reside outside the 15-mile radius must seek care from a primary health care provider from the PGST approved PRC network; such PRC members may have additional requirements for outside referrals by those providers.

Approval:	_____	_____	_____	_____
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