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PURCHASED REFERRED CARE

Purchased Referred Care, (PRC) is a financial resource to assist in payment for health care services that cannot be directly provided at the Sokaogon Chippewa Health Clinic, (SCC). Congress funds PRC programs annually for the purpose of assisting eligible AI/AN Americans with medical, dental and some hospital services not provided by SCC. The SCC Health Board approves the PRC policies and determines the levels of care to be covered.

PRC is not an entitlement program. Eligible expenses are covered as funds are available.

PRC is considered a payer of last resort. Patients are required to apply for and use *all* alternate resources, such as Private Insurance, Medicare, Medical Assistance, Disability, and Veterans benefits. The IHS facility is also considered a resource, and therefore, the PRC funds may not be expended for services reasonably accessible and available at IHS facilities.

NOTE:

If patients qualify for an alternate resource, they must utilize their alternate resources to receive Purchased Referred Care Services.

Federal regulations require that Purchased Referred Care Service funds are to be used only after all other alternative resources have made payment.

Eligibility Criteria;

Eligibility requirements for Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) are in addition to meeting the requirements for direct care services at an IHS or tribal facility. There are eligibility requirements, which must be met by each person needing and applying for PRC assistance.

1. All patients seeking Purchased Referred Care funds must complete a **Purchased Referred Care Application**.
2. They must be a Sokaogon Tribal member or descendent residing within Forest County, WI with proof of Tribal decent, and one form of *proof of residency*.
3. A member of another federally recognized tribe residing in Forest County, with a social or economic tie to the Sokaogon Chippewa Tribe.
4. A non-Indian woman, pregnant with an eligible Indian's child for the duration of her pregnancy through post-partum (usually 6 weeks).
5. Applications to the State Medicaid program must be completed with either proof of acceptance or denial submitted at the time of enrollment.
6. A child of an eligible IHS Beneficiary, including adopted, step-child, foster child, orphan, or legal ward, until age 19.

If approved for PRC funding, each non-emergency medical/dental visit, procedure or surgery must receive prior authorization from the SCC PRC Program **before** service is rendered. Emergency services are to be reported to the PRC Administration office within 72 hours following the occurrence.

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