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KMAP GENERAL BULLETIN 20242

Tribal Facilities as Federally Qualified Health Centers (TFQHCs)

Effective January 30, 2021, tribal health care facilities enrolled in Medicaid as clinics cannot bill for off-site services as clinic services and therefore cannot be paid for them at their facility rate (unless the patient is homeless). Tribal health care facilities who wish to provide off-site clinic services to members who are not homeless may choose to be a Tribal Federally Qualified Health Center (TFQHC). If the service offered outside of the four walls of the TFQHC is a covered FQHC service, the TFQHC will receive the all-inclusive TFQHC rate for the service.

Tribal health care facilities currently enrolled in Medicaid as a clinic need only to inform the state of their desire to change their designation to a TFQHC; they do not have to re-enroll in the Medicaid program. The fiscal agent will create an enrollment on behalf of the Tribal health care facility after the state approval. A new Medicaid provider identification (ID) number for use as TFQHC will be issued.

For those clinics that choose to enroll as a TFQHC, covered services will include those currently under the State Plan for FQHCs. TFQHCs will be paid an encounter rate as directed by the State. If the TFQHC offers a service outside of the four walls that is not an FQHC service, the provider will bill the service using their individual Medicaid provider ID and will be paid for that service based on the current fee schedule. A tribal facility who chooses to enroll as a TFQHC will bill using that provider ID for all services, regardless of whether they are provided within their 4 walls or not. They will no longer receive the all-inclusive Indian Health Center (IHC) rate for any services.

If a tribal clinic chooses not to enroll as a TFQHC, services that are provided outside of the four walls to persons who are not homeless, may only be billed using their individual Medicaid provider ID and reimbursed based on the current fee schedule. The all-inclusive IHC rate cannot be used for these services.

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Note: The effective date of the policy is January 30, 2021, the implementation of State policy by the KanCare managed care organizations (MCOs) may vary from the date noted in the Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP) bulletins. The **KanCare Open Claims Resolution Log** on the KMAP [Bulletins](#) page documents the MCO system status for policy implementation and any associated reprocessing completion dates, once the policy is implemented.

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