



Eligibility Criteria and Documents Required to Establish Care

For an American Indian and/or Alaska Native individual to be seen at Denver Indian Health and Family Services, Inc., (DIHFS) we must follow the rules of Indian Health Services (IHS). Per IHS policies and procedures, for an individual to receive care at an Indian Health Hospital or clinic they **must be in enrolled in a federally recognized tribe within the United States and/or Alaska.**

- A. **American Indian and/or Alaska Native:** Individual must be enrolled in an American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Federally Recognized Tribe.

Required documents:

- Adults 19 Years and older: Tribal ID or Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB), Driver's License or State ID, and Social Security Number Card.
- Minors/Children 19 years of age and under: Tribal ID or Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB). Or if they do not have either one then they can use a Parent, Grandparent, Legal Guardian, or Foster Parents CDIB until the age of 19.
- * Additional documents required: Childs Social Security Number Card and Child's Birth Certificate, Driver's License or State ID of Parent, Grandparent, Legal Guardian or Foster Parents.

- B. **American Indian and/or Alaska Native Descendent:** Individual must be a descendent of a family member who belongs to the AI/AN community and is enrolled in an AI/AN Federally Recognized Tribe.

Required documents:

- Individual must have Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) Letter of Descendancy document with their name on it.
- Driver's License or State ID, and Social Security Number Card.

- C. **Eligible Non-natives:** Non-Natives and Natives that are unable to provide Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) or Tribal ID are still eligible to be seen if they have active Medicaid or Medicare Part A. If they have **No Medicaid, No Medicare Part A or No CIB then they will need to self-pay. They must complete the self-pay sliding fee paperwork. The sliding fee copay is based on income. The copay is \$25.00 and up. So far, the front desk receptionists have seen copays ranging from \$25 to \$80.**

Required Documents:

- Medicaid: Individual must have an active Medicaid, Medicaid number and/or Medicaid Card, Driver's License or State ID, and Social Security Number Card.
- Medicare Part A: Individual must have active Medicare, Medicare number and/or Medicare Card, Driver's License, and Social Security Number Card.
- Self-pay/Sliding Fee: Individual must have a Driver's License or State ID, Passport or Green Card, Social Security Number Card, and a Pay stub (if no pay stub, they can self-attest on sliding fee application.) Individual must fill out sliding fee application and return to front desk receptionists to complete. Patient must pay copay **before** being seen at the clinic. The copay is determined by patient income. Copay charges **do not** include lab work, physicals or medication. There is an additional self-pay charge for these services. This will be determined based on what the patient is being seen for.

For those with specific questions about how to get enrolled into a tribe, please refer them back to the tribe they may belong to. They can Google Indian Health Services (IHS) to get more information.

Once eligibility is confirmed and they have documentation, the patient can receive care at our clinic. The patient can schedule an appointment and complete the patient registration process. They will be required to fill out the registration forms and any other required forms. They **must** provide the required documents Tribal ID or Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB), Driver's License or State ID, Social Security Number Card, Childs Birth Certificate and provide any additional documentation they may need to establish care. If they are unable to provide a Tribal ID or Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB), then they **must** apply for the self-pay/sliding fee. (**The copay is non-refundable**) *The patient will continue to be self-pay until they can provide the required Tribal documentation or unless they have active Medicaid or Medicare Part A.*

It is important to note that we do not reimburse any money back when the patient becomes eligible to be seen after they have provided proof of enrollment. We do not pay or reimburse any care outside of our clinic and we do not reimburse or pay for any medication inhouse or outside of our facility. It is imperative for the patient to have some type of health insurance, private insurance, Medicaid or Medicare for outside referrals and outside appointments. It is the patient's financial responsibility.

Dental Services: *This is always self-pay or Medicaid only. Dental has their own self-pay prices. The patient does NOT need to apply for the sliding fee.*

Behavioral Health Services: *Non-Native patients or patients without proof of tribal enrollment can be seen in BH. They must apply for self-pay/sliding fee and must pay **up front** for BH appointment.*

Diabetes Education and Nutrition Therapy: *Non-native patients or patients without proof of tribal enrollment who are established with the clinic can be seen for diabetes and nutrition therapy free of charge.*

Physical Fitness: *Non-native patients or patients without proof of enrollment who are established with the clinic can be seen for physical fitness free of charge.*

Pharmacy: *Patient must always pay fee and it is the patient's financial responsibility. Payment is due **up front**.*

FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES: Please check the IHS website to verify if a tribe is Federally Recognized. For individuals who may be eligible to receive services or those with specific questions about how to get enrolled into a tribe refer them to the IHS website.