



Tribal Federally Qualified Health Center Conversion/Election Form

As of November 1, 2021, Medicaid-enrolled Tribal Health Clinics are eligible to convert existing enrollments into Tribal Federally Qualified Health Centers (TFQHC) allowing organizations to render services outside the “four walls” of a facility while complying with the CMS clarification to clinic services¹.

Conversion from a Tribal Health Clinic to a TFQHC is not required and the decision to convert should be carefully considered by each eligible organization. This form memorializes each organizations decision regarding conversion. Using the space below, the Division of Health Care Services (DHCS) requests that each Tribal Health Clinic declare their intention to remain a clinic or convert enrollment to a TFQHC. A decision to convert to TFQHC or remain a Tribal Health Clinic is made at the Medicaid ID level.

Additionally, this form requires providers converting from Tribal Health Clinic to TFQHC to select one of three available payment models. DHCS will begin processing submitted forms on November 1, 2021, and requests that forms be returned to the Division at least seven (7) days prior to the expiration of the CMS “four walls” grace period to ensure timely processing. Please fax completed forms to 907.269.8868.

Tribal Clinic Name: _____

Medicaid ID Number: _____ NPI Number: _____

Elect to Convert to TFQHC

or

Elect to Remain Tribal Health Clinic

Payment Methodology: (required if converting to TFQHC)

IHS-All Inclusive Rate

This Alternative Payment Methodology (APM) is only available for Tribal FQHCs. The APM is matched to the IHS-OMB All-Inclusive Rate.

Alaska Medicaid PPS FQHC Rate

The PPS rate is the statewide weighted average rate of Alaska non-IHS FQHCs based on the year the provider enrolls as an FQHC in Alaska Medicaid. Requires annual submission of cost reports to DOH Office of Rate Review (ORR).

Facility-Based FQHC Rate

Requires facility-specific FQHC cost reports for ORR to determine the facility-based rate. Rate is set on a four-year cycle. ORR must have three full years of FQHC cost reports to calculate. Desk review process can take up to 5 months.

Signature of Authorized Agency Representative

Date

¹ “Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): Federal Funding for Services ‘Received Through’ an IHS/Tribal Facility and Furnished to Medicaid-Eligible American Indians and Alaska Natives (SHO #16-002),” at <http://www.tribalsegov.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/01-faq11817.pdf>.