

**IHS and Tribal Medicaid Revenue Reports:**

The Medicaid Revenue Reports include the amount of revenue generated from July 01, 2018 through December 31, 2019, the specific services billed and where the payments are sent. The reimbursement reflected in the reports is based on date of payment (the date the bill was paid) rather than date of service (the date the person received care).

The table in the Where We Are Primary 1 shows the total for July 2018 through December 2019 for IHS.

The reports are normally presented when the Department goes out on tribal tour each Spring and Fall. Currently the reports are generated for Indian Health Service Units and Tribal Governments.

Since we were unable to conduct face to face visits this fall, we prepared the reports and Lesa Evers emailed them out to IHS and Tribes on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that once you have had a chance to look over the reports, we are happy to get on a call to answer any questions or hear and comments you may have. These reports are a great tool to explore future billing opportunities or to identify potential issues.

**Tribal Health Improvement Program (T-HIP):**

To date, six tribes have completed task orders with the Department to participate in T-HIP, at tier 1. Three tribes have completed task orders with the Department to participate at tier 2 and another one is currently working with the Department to move to tier 2. One tribe is currently working with the Department to move to tier 3. We have had those proposals in for a while now and hope to get our responses back out to those Tribes in the near future.

In response to COVID-19 the Department provided guidance related to the T-HIP program around the reporting requirements outlined in the task order in a letter that was sent in April as well as an extension letter sent in July. The reporting requirements have been waived through the end of the State of Emergency (and currently that doesn't have an end date). This means that T-HIP tiers 1, 2 or 3 reports are not required to be submitted until the State of Emergency is lifted and the Department provides instructions to tribal governments and the reports are reinstated. We know the importance of T-HIP in tribal communities and that all of you are doing all you can to operate your programs under the circumstances.

Our T-HIP position has been vacant since early January and we took our time recruiting for this position ensuring that our tribal partners were aware of the announcement and allowing for adequate recruitment during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have now completed interviews for the T-HIP position and if everything goes as planned the new specialist will be starting on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Jacqueline Hart is her name and she has lived near and worked with the Navajo and Ute Tribes in Colorado. Jacqui is a Certified Pharmacy Technician and worked at St. Mary's Medical Regional Center in Colorado. While employed there, she worked to change dynamics in her department and assisted in putting policies and procedures in place to better serve her colleagues and the patients. Jacqui has experience in health and medical regulations, law and guidelines as well as health information management and technology systems. Jacqui will be a wonderful addition to the Department and we look forward to her joining our team and are excited for you to meet her.

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