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Addition of Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures to the American Indian Tribal Fee Schedule for Eligible Facility and Professional Services Provided to Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) – Eligible American Indians

Background information:

The federal legislation relating to Purchased and Referred Care (PRC) that became effective in July 2007, Section 506 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (506 Legislation), codified in the federal regulation at 42 CFR Part 136, affects reimbursement rates for certain services provided to subscribers of federally recognized American Indian Tribes under a PRC program, previously known as the Contract Health Services (CHS) program, funded by the Indian Health Services (IHS). Medicare-participating hospitals that furnish inpatient services cannot bill health programs operated by IHS, Tribes, Tribal organizations or an urban Indian organization (collectively, I/T/U programs) more than a Medicare-like rate as payment in full for services provided to eligible PRC patients for eligible PRC services authorized by the I/T/U program.

Additional federal regulations were promulgated in March of 2016 that permit I/T/U programs to apply Medicare-like rate payment methodologies to all physician and clinician non-hospital-based services procured through PRC programs.

Providers will be reimbursed at the Tribal Fee Schedule for claims processed pursuant to Tribal health plans that adopt a benefit maximum for PRC eligible subscribers and services as described in provider bulletins P19-17 and P19R1-17. These services are not subject to any contractual provider incentives.

Tribal health plan subscribers who are eligible for PRC and whose claims will be reimbursed pursuant to the Tribal Fee Schedule have subscriber ID cards that includes language reflecting the subscriber's PRC eligibility. Conversely, persons covered by the Tribal health plan who are not eligible for PRC **do not** have this designation on their subscriber ID cards.

Mille Lacs Corporate Venture is a new tribal group that will be utilizing the American Indian Tribal Fee Schedule for eligible facility and professional services relating to PRC.

Questions?

If you have questions about payments or related to the claims, please contact provider service at **1-833-803-4459**.