

STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER POLICY

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Title: Direct Service Eligibility

Purpose: To define which patients are eligible to receive direct services at no cost at the Stockbridge- Munsee Health & Wellness Center (SMHWC).

Policy: Patients who receive direct services through the SMHWC may receive these services at no cost if the guidelines under the general statements of this eligibility policy are met. Services needed are provided dependent upon the availability of funds, the person's relative medical priority and the actual availability and accessibility of alternative resources in accordance with the regulations. Alternate resources may include, but are not limited to the following providers: County, State, or Federal programs, such as County Welfare, Medicaid, Crippled Children’s Program, Medicare, Veterans Administration Hospital, U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy, PHS Hospital, official or voluntary health agencies, employee health insurance, accident insurance, etc.

General Statements:

1. A "Direct Service" is defined as any service performed directly at the SMHWC. Services provided by outside sources are considered indirect services, unless otherwise specified through individual agreements between the SMHWC and the provider. Services performed at the SMHWC may be exempted as a "Direct Service" as otherwise specified in approved policies. Services not funded by Indian Health Service (I.H.S.) grant money are not covered under the Direct Services policies.
2. Eligibility for "Direct Services" will be extended to:
 - a. Enrolled members of a federally recognized Native American Tribe or Alaskan Native.
 - b. Descendants of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe

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- c. All persons of Native American or Alaskan Native descent and belonging to the community. The following criteria must be met in order to qualify a person as “belonging to the community”:
1. Must live within the boundaries of the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation, and must provide proof of residency:
 - a. Must work for the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe, or
 - b. Must be living within the household of an enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe.
 2. All doubtful cases will be brought to the Health Board for determination and recommendation and sent for final approval to the Tribal Council.
- d. Any individual who has not attained the age of 19 and is the natural or adopted child, step-child, legal ward, or orphan of an enrolled member of a federally recognized Native American tribe or Alaskan Native and who resides within the Stockbridge-Munsee CHSDA. In the instance where the enrolled step-parent becomes deceased, the step-child will be eligible for direct services. Upon the remarriage of the surviving non-eligible parent, the step-child status is revoked.
3. Any patient who cannot provide proof of enrollment/descendancy from a Tribal Enrollment Office shall be subject to all fees from the first day of the patient visit. Upon verification of proof, the account will be adjusted.
 4. Services will be made available to a non-Indian woman pregnant with an enrolled eligible Native American’s or Alaskan Native’s child but only during the period of her pregnancy through postpartum (generally about 6 weeks after delivery). In cases where the woman is not married to the enrolled eligible member, paternity must be acknowledged by the enrolled eligible member by the signing of a notarized statement of acknowledgement, or determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.
 5. Eligibility for Pharmacy Direct Services will be extended to:
 - a. All persons identified under # 2 of this policy, consistent with the terms of General Statement 6, below.

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6. Pharmacy Direct Services are those prescription medications or over the counter medications with a prescription, which are contained on the SMHWC established formulary.
 - a. Prescriptions will be filled for active eligible patients only. An active patient is considered a patient who has received services from a SMHWC provider within the last three years.
 - b. The prescription must be generated from:
 - i. A provider at the SMHWC. (Any employee or contractor of the SMHWC who is responsible for generating prescriptions shall be a "staff provider" for the purposes of this policy.)
 - ii. An emergency room health care provider.
 - iii. A health care provider as a result of referred inpatient visit.
 - iv. Other health care providers to whom referral has been made by a Stockbridge-Munsee Health Care Provider.
 - a. The SMHWC pharmacist has the right to question whether a prescription was obtained from an outside referred provider. The patient must provide a copy of the referral or obtain an authorization signature from the PRC department in order for the prescription to be filled.
 - b. Prescriptions written from the outside referred provider will be honored in accordance with the written terms and up to a maximum length of one year from the date of service for which the referral was written.

7. The SMHWC will also provide medical services to non-Indian members of an eligible Indian's household if it is necessary to control acute infections, disease or other public health hazard. In case of emergency, as an act of humanity, individuals not otherwise eligible may be provided temporary care and treatment at the SMHWC. The SMHWC will demand payment for these Health Services from the ineligible person, or third party payer.

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