



Dear Lassen Indian Health Center Patient:

This notice is intended to inform you of recent changes to the Lassen Indian Health Center (LIHC) Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) Program. The PRC Program is a benefit that assists eligible individuals to pay for health care services provided outside of the LIHC or an Indian Health Service or tribal health care facility. PRC is not an insurance program or an entitlement program and a LIHC referral does not imply that care will be paid. The PRC Program is funded by the Indian Health Service, and is subject to limitations under federal law.

Starting January 1, 2025, only the following individuals will be eligible for PRC:

- Enrolled member of the Susanville Indian Rancheria Tribe who reside on the Susanville Indian Rancheria or within the LIHC's PRC Delivery Area;
- Enrolled member or descendant of a federally recognized tribe who reside on the Susanville Indian Rancheria;
- Enrolled member or descendant of a federally recognized tribe who resides within LIHC's PRC Delivery Area and married to a Susanville Indian Rancheria tribal member;
- Enrolled member or descendant of a federally recognized tribe and working for the Susanville Indian Rancheria who reside within LIHC's PRC Delivery Area;
- A non-Indian women pregnant with an eligible Indian's child (pregnancy through postpartum) who reside within LIHC's PRC Delivery Area; and
- A non-Indian residing in an eligible Indian's household, within the LIHC's PRC Delivery Area, as the LIHC determines is necessary for purposes of controlling an acute infectious disease or responding to a public health hazard.

The LIHC's PRC Delivery Area includes: Bieber, Doyle, Herlong, Janesville, Litchfield, Madeline, Milford, Nubieber, Ravendale, Standish, Susanville, Termo, Wendel, and Westwood.

In addition to the eligibility requirements above, an individual must satisfy the residency requirement of residing on the Susanville Indian Rancheria or within the PRC Delivery Area defined above. Until residency is established, the patient will be registered only for direct care services.

There are additional PRC eligibility considerations for students and dependents. Full-time and boarding school students remain eligible for PRC, who are temporarily absent from their residence during their full-time attendance at their educational programs, for periods not to exceed 180 calendar days after completion of their course of study. A child under the age of nineteen (19), who is the natural or adopted children, step-child, foster child, legal ward, or orphan of an eligible Indian may also be covered for PRC services under their parent's eligibility.

Patients are responsible for providing the LIHC's PRC Program with documentation to show that the patient is eligible for the PRC Program. ***PRC eligibility is not a guarantee that the LIHC's PRC Program will authorize and pay for services.*** Authorization and payment for PRC services is subject to LIHC's PRC policies and procedures and federal law, which includes additional requirements such as, PRC referral, patient notification obligations, within the medical priority levels of care, and use of alternate resources.

For any questions on whether you are eligible for PRC, please contact one of Lassen Indian Health Centers PRC Specialists.

Thank you,

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