

Native American Health Amendments

- Resulting from Senate Bill 181 (2024 General Session) “Native American Health Amendments”
- This amendment request seeks authority from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to reimburse for traditional healing services provided by a traditional healing provider in an eligible facility to Medicaid enrollees who are members of an American Indian or Alaskan Native (AI/AN) tribe.
- Eligibility
 - Individuals eligible under this demonstration must be Medicaid eligible individuals who are members of an AI/AN tribe.
- Benefits
 - Eligible individuals will receive culturally appropriate healing methods for physical, mental, and emotional healing.
 - Traditional healing services must be included in the member’s care plan in order to be deemed medically necessary.
- Delivery System
 - The covered services will be reimbursed through fee for service. The covered traditional services, limitations, and exclusions shall be described by a Qualified Entity. Qualified Entities include:
 - an Indian Health Service facility;
 - a tribal health program designated under the Indian Self-Determination and Education assistance Act, Pub. L. No. 93-638;
 - an Urban Indian organization as defined in 25 U.S.C. Sect. 1603; or
 - a facility operated by a person that contracts with an Urban Indian organization.
 - Services must be in accordance with a tribe’s established and accepted traditional healing services as identified by the Qualifying Entity.

Medicaid Reform 1115 Demonstration Amendment Overview



- Proposed Demonstration Timeframe
 - The State intends to implement the coverage as soon as possible after approval.
- Population Impacted
 - Approximately 3,300 individuals may be eligible per year if this amendment is approved.

Demonstration amendment documents are available online at: <https://medicaid.utah.gov/1115-waiver>