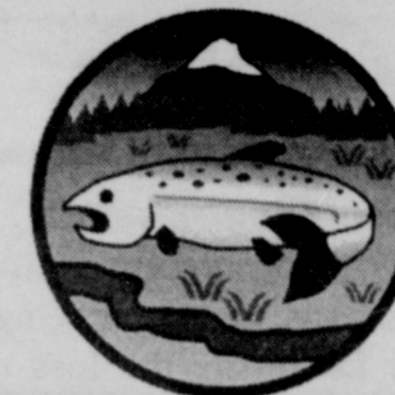


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## Contract Health Services (CHS) Update 2001

**Pharmacy:** The limit for this year is \$400 when purchasing at retail providers (Fred Meyer, Wal-Mart, Rite Aid, etc.). All maintenance or long-term prescriptions must be mailed to Pequot Pharmacy.

Any questions about mailing should be directed to CHS or your local CHA. Any problems or other concerns about delivery should be directed to Pequot. The telephone number is on the back of your card (1-888-779-6638).

**Forty-mile radius** is a policy that is currently in effect. If you live within a 40-mile radius of an IHS (Indian Health Service) or tribal clinic, you are restricted to using that clinic for medical, dental, pharmacy, and eye care needs. Specialty care referrals must be sent to CHS by Tuesday afternoons for the Gatekeeping Committee meetings on Wednesday mornings. They may be mailed to PO Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380 or faxed to 541-444-9645. Please call CHS directly with any questions.

**Dental** services are now available for **adults** (please call in your appointments). Services are open for exams and X-rays with treatment plans. All treatment plans must be mailed or faxed in for approval. Most services that are deferred on the treatment plans may



*Jay Christensen, Frank Simmons, and Harold McCord are part of the team that worked on replacing the fishing platform at Euchre Creek. See page 15 for the finished product.*

be done at the IHS and tribal clinics. Crowns, dentures, and root canals are examples of what is **not** approved in private practice. Please remember to call in all appointments.

**Preferred providers** are currently contracted. Please call if you have questions on referrals made to providers you are not familiar with. Corvallis and Philomath residents should use Samaritan Health Care providers. Albany, Lebanon, and surrounding areas are restricted to Chemawa or Siletz clinics. Corvallis Clinic should be used for specialists only. If you have questions, call CHS directly at 1-800-628-5720 or 541-444-1236.

**Deferred services** have been reported to Portland Indian Health Service as unmet needs. The level of priority will remain the same. Surgeries and other referrals that cannot wait will be approved after 2001. When they are completed and the restriction on dental is lifted for adults, the Gatekeeping Committee will do a cost analysis to see where we're at with funds before the level of priority is changed.

Please remember to call in all appointments. Pre-authorization is required. If you have an emergency, you have 72 hours to report your visit to CHS.

**See candidates' statements on pages 7-12 and budgets on pages 22-23.**

## General Council Meeting

Feb. 3, 2001  
Siletz Tribal Community Center

### AGENDA

1 p.m.

Call to Order  
Invocation  
Roll Call  
Approval of Agenda  
Approval of Minutes –  
Nov. 4, 2000  
Tribal Member Concerns  
Natural Resources Program  
Chairman's Report  
Announcements  
Adjournment

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