

Tribal Council approves expanded out-of-area health benefits for 2019

The Tribal Council has allocated excess pledge revenue/third party revenue for health benefits. These benefits are for Tribal members who live outside the 11-county service area.

To qualify, Tribal members must be registered for health care with the Siletz Tribal Health Department and reside outside the Tribe's 11-county service area. These funds are intended for Tribal members who are not eligible for Purchased/Referred Care (PRC, formerly Contract Health Service).

The benefit is up to \$2,000 for **dental, hearing and medical.**

Pharmacy and cataract benefits are available in addition to the annual benefit of dental, hearing and medical. Vision benefits are available every other year with the exception of annual benefits if you are an elder, child or student, or have been diagnosed with diabetes.

• Pharmacy	\$500
• Cataract Surgery	\$2,000
• Vision	\$450

All benefits are subject to funding availability. Prior authorization by PRC is required and benefits must be used within 90 days. Any funds not used within 90

days, or claims not received, will be returned to the pool for redistribution.

An individual can access benefits up to \$2,000 annually by calling on the authorization date. For example, an individual may call Jan. 2 for medical of \$500 and then call again Oct. 7 for dental of \$1,500 for a total of \$2,000.

When it receives a call for pre-authorization, PRC will authorize for household members only and voice messages do not hold funds. The individual must speak to PRC staff and obtain an out-of-area (OOA) number to secure funds.

If you are not already registered for health services, please call anytime to request an application.

Call PRC at 800-628-5720 or call your PRC tech directly.

If your last name begins with:

A-G call Gail at 541-444-8329

H-O call Chrissy at 541-444-9622

P-Z call Joella at 541-444-9649

The remaining 2019 authorization schedule is as follows:

April 1 • July 1 • Oct. 1

**“What is PRC?
I thought I called
Contract Health.”**



NEW! in 2019
Contract Health Services (CHS)
is renamed
Purchased Referred Care (PRC)
1-800-628-5720 for Questions

For more information about the Siletz Tribal Arts & Heritage Society, visit huu-cha.org.

Tribal members can maintain monthly golfing privileges at Chinook Winds Golf Resort

Tribal members receive free greens fees and can walk nine or 18 holes at no charge. If a cart makes golf more enjoyable, it is only \$10 for nine holes or \$15 for 18 holes.

New this year – We offer Tribal members monthly cart lease and golfing privileges starting at \$75/month.

- Tribal individual cart lease \$75/month
- Couples membership with cart lease \$125/month
 - Couple membership is eligible for any individual living in the same household as the Tribal member.
- Tribal family membership with cart lease \$150/month
 - Couple plus children in the same household under age 24 will have full golf and cart privileges (must be a licensed driver to drive the golf cart.)

Golf is an outstanding way to spend some time with your family and friends. Please take advantage of all of our employee benefits and spend some quality time outdoors this spring on the beautiful Oregon Coast.

Cory Camilleri is our golf pro at Chinook Winds Golf Resort.

STRCP has new due date for loan applications

The Siletz Tribe Revolving Credit Program (STRCP) announces changes to the due date for loan applications.

Starting March 1, 2019, and every month thereafter, completed loan applications must be received by the STRCP credit administrator by 4 p.m. at the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation office in Lincoln City, Ore., to be considered at the next monthly STRCP board meeting.

The STRCP board meeting dates have not changed and will remain the third Tuesday of every month except where noted.

For more information or if you would like to inquire about a loan, please visit stbcorp.net or contact Tracy Garrison, STRCP credit administrator, at 541-994-2142, 877-564-7298 or tgarrison@stbcorp.net.

Kauffman & Associates receives grant to assist Native businesses

Northwest Native Ventures will offer training in 3 states

SPOKANE, Wash. – Kauffman & Associates, Inc. (KAI) was recently awarded a \$300,000 grant from the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) to launch Northwest Native Ventures (NNV), a business incubator for American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian entrepreneurs in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

KAI is a Native woman-owned business. It was one of 10 organizations awarded more than \$3 million in MBDA grants to support programs for American Indian-, Alaska Native- and Native Hawaiian-owned enterprises.

MBDA is an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce that promotes the growth of minority-owned business through the mobilization and advancement of public and private sector programs, policy and research.

“We are excited and grateful for this opportunity to assist Native businesses in the Pacific Northwest as they look to grow

to the next level,” said Jo Ann Kauffman (Nez Perce), KAI president and founder.

NNV offers free training and technical assistance on:

- SBA 8(a) federal contracting certification and other certifications/programs
- Federal contracting best practices
- Strategic business management
- Entrepreneurship
- Cost and expense management

For more information on NNV, contact Elizabeth Bohnee, project manager, at 509-789-2867 or elizabeth.bohnee@kauffmaninc.com

About KAI

Founded in 1990 by Kauffman, KAI improves the health, education, environment and economic status of American Indians, Alaska Natives and other disadvantaged populations. Its clients include federal and state agencies, Tribal governments, Tribal organizations, foundations and private-sector businesses.

Learn more about NNV at kauffmaninc.com/northwest-native-ventures.

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