

Those tribal members residing with friends, relatives or otherwise unable to meet the above criteria for residency will have a six (6) week waiting period before becoming eligible for the CHS Program. The waiting period will begin the date the Application for Care is received at the Chemawa Health Center. The waiting period will be suspended upon receipt of purchase, lease or rental documentation.

CHR TRANSPORTATION

Transportation by the Community Health Representatives Program has been of great concern from the start.

The program is not funded to provide transportation. Further there are valid medical - legal reasons why the CHR should not provide transportation. They may in fact be sued or cause the Confederated Tribes of Siletz to be sued for providing services for which they are neither trained nor equipped.

The role of the CHR is that of a resource person. They are to assist the person with health related problems to be helped by those that are trained to provide the required services.

The CHR's are also to work with the helping agencies so that they can better serve the needs of the Siletz people.

It should be understood too, that the CHR Program is still very young. There are only three (3) CHR'S and they are responsible for approximately 12,341 square miles and between 1,200 - 1500*tribal members.

CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES FOR DEPENDENTS OF ELIGIBLE TRIBAL MEMBERS

Dependents of eligible tribal members are usually also eligible for Contract/ Health Services.

The criteria for dependency are as follows:

1. Income - Received less than \$750.00 in income during the last tax year.
2. Support - Received over half of his or her support from you during the last tax year. Support includes food, place to live, clothes and cost of education.
3. Student - Was enrolled as a full-time student at an institution of higher education during any 5 months of the last tax year.

Generally, as long as you claim this individual as a dependent for Federal income tax purposes the Siletz Indian Health Program will also recognize him/her as your dependent.

An exception to the above is that of a disabled male spouse, otherwise ineligible for Contract Health Service, cannot be considered a dependent of an eligible Indian wife.