

FAQs regarding the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Skookum Health Assistance Program

Question: What if I already have insurance through my job or am already on Medicaid?

Answer: If you have health insurance through your employer or have health care through a government-sponsored program, such as Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, Veterans Affairs or TRICARE, there is nothing you need to do – you are covered.

Question: I have Contract Health Services. Do I still need to apply?

Answer: Yes, if you do not have primary insurance coverage, you will need to apply.

Question: Isn't my Skookum Health Assistance Program an insurance?

Answer: No, Skookum is not an insurance plan. Therefore, it is not considered to be insurance by definition. You should not reference Skookum as insurance, as it is not. It is assistance you receive from the Tribe because you are an enrolled Tribal member.

Question: Am I required to pay for insurance through my employer?

Answer: We encourage Tribal members with alternate resources, such as employer-sponsored insurance, to enroll in those plans and use Skookum as a secondary coverage to pay for any balances that are patient responsibility.

Question: I'm an American Indian/Alaska Native. What do I need to know about the Health Insurance Marketplace?

Answer: The Health Insurance Marketplace will benefit American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) by providing opportunities for enrolling in affordable health coverage. You might be eligible to enroll in a private health plan in the new Health Insurance Marketplace, or you might be eligible for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). There will be one application to determine whether you are eligible for a marketplace health plan, Medicaid or CHIP.

Question: What are the special protections for AI/ANs who enroll in the Health Insurance Marketplace?

Answer: Members of federally recognized Tribes with a household income at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty level (roughly \$70,650 for a family of 4 in 2013 or \$88,320 for the same family in Alaska) who are also eligible for the tax credit won't have any out-of-pocket costs like co-pays, co-insurance or deductibles for services covered by their Marketplace health plan.

Question: How can I apply for an exemption from the shared responsibility payment?

Answer: To get an exemption, members of federally recognized Tribes may apply through the Marketplace or provide the appropriate information when they file their federal income tax return. AI/ANs who aren't members of federally recognized Tribes, but who are eligible for or get services from an I/T/U, (Indian Health Service, Tribal clinic or urban Indian clinic) must apply through the Marketplace and will need to verify their AI/AN status or eligibility for services through an I/T/U.

Question: Will I be able to get assistance with paying the cost of my premium if I enroll in a Marketplace health plan?

Answer: While AI/ANs are NOT exempt from paying premiums, they may be able to get lower costs on monthly premiums through a new tax credit that is paid to insurance plans each month to reduce an individual's premium. Eligibility for the tax credit depends on income, family size and access to other coverage. Members of federally recognized Tribes can use tax credits to pay for premiums on certain plans and still receive cost-sharing reductions as well. The type of cost-sharing reduction depends on income and whether an individual is enrolled in a zero cost-sharing plan or limited cost-sharing plan.

Question: Are there special protections for AI/ANs who enroll in Medicaid?

Answer: AI/ANs who are eligible for or get services from an I/T/U, including Contract Health Services, are exempt from Medicaid premiums and enrollment fees and, if they have ever used one of these programs, they are also exempt from other cost sharing, such as co-payments, co-insurance, and deductibles. Certain Indian resources and payments are not counted for Medicaid eligibility. AI/ANs can continue to get services through an I/T/U even if the I/T/U is not a provider in a managed care network.

Links to assist you in learning more about the ACA and Marketplace products:

- www.healthcare.gov: Click on see plans now;
- www.coveroregon.com: Go to learn more and click on the link.

If you have questions, please contact

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- Or call 800-775-0095 to speak to anyone listed above.

Bids wanted for project

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (the Owner) hereby extends an Invitation to General Contractors to bid on the Ackerson Road Pump Station Project, Grand Ronde, Oregon.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Ackerson Road Pump Station project located in Grand Ronde, Oregon, includes the construction of a 6' diameter concrete wet well along Ackerson Road and 4,330-feet of 4" diameter PVC force main in Grand Ronde, Oregon.

Construction proposed by CTGR will include:

- Construction and installation of a new sanitary sewer lift station including a wet well, valve vault and control panel;
- Installation of 2,491-feet x 4" force main and all required fittings from the pump station to the Family Housing WWTP;
- Installation of 1,840-feet x 4" force main and all required from the Family Housing WWTP to existing GRR SS MH#16;
- Construction of a new paved vehicle access pad around the pump station;
- Pipe boring crossings at three (3) locations;
- Abandon 18 existing septic tanks and install bypass pipes.

All associated information required to complete the buildings are describe in the Construction Drawings and Project Manual.

BID SUBMITTAL

Sealed bids for the construction of the Ackerson Road Pump Station project must be received by Jesse White, Engineering & Public Works Manager, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347, by or before 2 p.m. local time Thursday, Aug. 28, 2014.

Bids (including all required documentation) shall be submitted in a sealed envelope with bidder's identification plainly marked on the outside including name, project name, bid date and time. Bids shall be submitted on the form provided in the Bid Booklet. Bids submitted via fax or by other electronic means shall be rejected as nonresponsive.

TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ORDINANCE (TERO) APPLICABILITY

The Tribe has adopted a TERO Ordinance which applies to this project. A copy of the ordinance is available on the Tribe's website at the following link: www.grandronde.org/archives/ or will be provided by the Tribe's TERO office by calling 503-879-2251. The selected contractor will be a Covered Employer and subject to TERO requirements. (See TERO Notice included in Section VII). As part of these requirements, Contractor will be subject to a Compliance Plan setting forth preferences in employment and contracting, as well as an apprenticeship program requirement. The contract will also be subject to a 2.5% TERO fee.

The selected contractor must attend a contractor certification training prior to commencement of construction. (See Training Notice included in the Project Manual)

BIDDING DOCUMENTS

Bid documents, including contract terms, conditions and specifications will be available for review and purchase beginning Aug. 8, 2014. The plan holders list will be managed by the Project Manager, Dave Reece, PE, Phone: 541-926-2428, Fax: 541-926-2456, E-mail: dave@r-engineering.com. All bidders wishing to be notified of addenda shall register their name, mailing address and fax number with Mr. Reece.

Copies of the bid documents and full size drawings may be obtained from Reece & Associates Inc, 321 First Avenue East, Suite 3a, Albany, OR 97321 upon receipt of a non-refundable check in the amount of \$100 for each set of documents made payable to Reece & Associates, Inc. Electronic copies of the RFP documents are available by e-mailing: dave@r-engineering.com at Reece & Associates, Inc.

Questions or requests for clarification shall be directed in writing to the Project Engineer, Dave Reece, via e-mail at: dave@r-engineering.com, or by regular mail at: Reece & Associates Inc., 321 First Avenue East, Suite 3a, Albany OR 97321. All written questions must be received by the Engineer by 2 p.m., prevailing local time Thursday, Aug. 21, 2014, seven (7) calendar days prior to the Bid Due date. Every attempt will be made to answer questions and correspondence in a timely manner. All questions and correspondence will be shared with all interested contractors for the project. ■

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