# Can PRC Pay for Your Care? Find out in 3 stages.

## Stage 1

Individual Qualifications

### You are eligible if:

a) You are a Siletz Tribal member, a Dependent of a Siletz Tribal Member under the age of 19, or a member of any tribe living on Siletz Trust Land.

#### <u>AND</u>

b) You live within the 11 counties of the Siletz PRC Delivery Area. *Tillamook, Yamhill, Polk, Lincoln, Marion, Benton, Linn, Lane, Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas* 

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YES

for all

#### <u>AND</u>

c) You must receive prior approval for each case of needed medical service. In the case of an emergency, you must provide notice within 72 hours (30 days for elders & disabled people).



#### Application is **Denied**

\* Some exceptions may be made on a case-bycase basis. Ask PRC Staff for more specifics about individual eligibility, the PRC Delivery Area, or prior Notice.

## Stage 2

**Relative Medical Priorities** 

### Payment may be approved if:

a) The health care service that you need is medically necessary. *As indicated by medical documentation provided.* 

#### <u>AND</u>

b) The service is not available at an accessible IHS or Tribal facility.

#### <u>AND</u>

c) The facility's PRC committee determines that your case is within the current medical priorities of the facility.

Unfortunately, PRC funds often are not sufficient to pay for all needed services. When this happens, the committee considers each individual's medical condition to rank cases in relative medical priority. Cases with imminent threats to life, limb, or senses are ranked highest in priority. \*\*

#### <u>AND</u>

d) PRC funds available are sufficient to pay for the service to be authorized



#### Application is **Deferred**

\*\* Ask PRC staff for more specifics. Sometimes deferred lower priority cases may be reconsidered later if funding permits.

### Stage 3

Coordination and Payment

### Approval, Billing, Payment

a) You must apply for any alternate resources for which you may be eligible. *Medicare, Medicaid, insurance, etc.* 

#### <u>THEN</u>

b) A PRC Pre-Authorization Number is issued to a provider authorizing payment for services.

#### <u>THEN</u>

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c) The authorized provider bills and collects from your alternate resources

#### <u>THEN</u>

d) The authorized provider bills any unpaid balance to PRC for payment.

Because PRC is <u>payer of last resort</u>, it pays only for costs not paid by your alternate resources

#### If Steps are Completed in Order

#### Provider is **Paid**

Specific services authorized within relative medical priorities may vary from time-to-time in response to changing supply and demand, especially to stretch diminished funds over the remainder of the fiscal year.

Generally applicable Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) rules and procedures are shown. Some nuances and exceptions are omitted. Talk to PRC staff if you have questions.