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**To:** Tribal 638 and Indian Health Services (IHS) clinics paid at the IHS all-inclusive encounter rate

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**Subject:** IHS all-inclusive encounter rate effective January 1, 2016

On March 24, 2016, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) changed the IHS all-inclusive encounter rate to \$368. This is an increase from the 2015 IHS rate of \$350.

### Why is this happening?

OHA updates the IHS all-inclusive encounter rate each year, after it is published in the Federal Register. This is noted in the OHA [American Indian/Alaska Native provider guidelines](#), under *Oregon Administrative Rule 410-141-0020 - Memorandum of Agreement Reimbursement Methodology*.

This increased rate was published in the [Federal Register, Volume 81 Issue 46](#), on March 9, 2016.

### What should you do?

Please bill OHA using the new encounter rate of \$368 for 2016 claims.

For 2016 claims already billed to OHA, **no action is required on your part**. OHA will reprocess 2016 paid claims to apply the new 2016 rate.

### Questions?

If you have any questions about this announcement, contact the Provider Services Unit at [dmap.providerservices@state.or.us](mailto:dmap.providerservices@state.or.us) or call 1-800-336-6016. We are available Monday through Friday, anytime between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (including lunch hours).

Thank you for your continued support of the Oregon Health Plan and the services you provide to our members.

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<sup>1</sup> The Addictions and Mental Health Division and Division of Medical Assistance Programs are now united as the Health Systems Division.