

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES



PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATIONS

7 AAC 155.020. TRIBAL HEALTH PROGRAMS; Community Health Aides & Practitioners, & Behavioral Health Aides & Practitioners.



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Please see the public notice for details about how to comment on these proposed changes.

Notes to reader:

1. Except as discussed in note 2, new text that amends an existing regulation is **bolded and underlined**.
2. If the lead-in line above the text of each section of the regulations states that a new section, subsection, paragraph, or subparagraph is being added, or that an existing section, subsection, paragraph, or subparagraph is being repealed and readopted (replaced), *the new or replaced text is not bolded or underlined*.
3. [ALL-CAPS TEXT WITHIN BRACKETS] indicates text that is to be deleted.
4. When the word “including” is used, Alaska Statutes provide that it means “including, but not limited to.”
5. Only the text that is being changed within a section of the current regulations is included in this draft. Refer to the text of that whole section, published in the current Alaska Administrative Code, to determine how a proposed change relates within the context of the whole section and the whole chapter.

Chapter 155. Tribal Health Programs.

7 AAC 155.020 is repealed and readopted to read:

7 AAC 155.020. Community health aides and practitioners, and behavioral health aides and practitioners.

(a) The certified health provider definition will include community health aides and practitioners and behavioral health aides and practitioners.

(b) the services of a community health aide or a community health practitioner certified by the community health aide program certification board, and the services of a behavioral health aide or behavioral health practitioner certified by the behavioral health aide program certification board, will be paid at a single statewide certified health provider encounter rate;

(c) the certified health provider encounter rate will be calculated by the department in accordance with methodology approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, (United States Department of Health and Human Services) and included in the Alaska Medicaid State Plan. The

(1) methodology is a cost based prospective payment rate methodology utilizing cost and encounter information from a select number of tribal providers;

(2) rates will be adjusted annually for inflation using the most recent Global Insight's Health-Care Cost Review, Skilled Nursing Facility Total Market Basket available sixty days before January 1, and rebased every four years;

(3) certified health provider encounter rate does not apply to services furnished by a behavioral health aide when delivered as part of a reimbursable service at an enrolled tribal community behavioral health clinic. The costs and encounters associated with behavioral health aide services delivered at a tribal community behavioral health clinic are excluded from the certified health provider encounter rate;

(4) payment rate under this subparagraph will not be adjusted for inflation for state fiscal year 2018.

(Eff. 2/1/2010, Register 193; am 10/1/2011, Register 199; am ____/____/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 47.05.010 AS 47.07.030 AS 47.07.040