

To: All Providers Participating in Nebraska Medicaid Program
From: Kevin Bagley, Director
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Re: COVID Update for IHS/Tribal 638 Facilities

This provider bulletin is being issued to give tribal providers updated guidance on temporary changes to the Medicaid program meant to improve access to COVID-19 testing and vaccines at IHS and Tribal 638 Clinics.

Through an emergency State Plan Amendment (eSPA), COVID-19 testing and vaccination services are able to be billed as an encounter when provided at an IHS/Tribal 638 facility. Additionally, RNs can now provide these services 'incident to' the physician or other qualifying practitioner even if the RN is the only health professional on site. These services can be billed as an encounter and will be paid at the all-inclusive-rate. The eSPA authority will be in effect until the end of the Public Health Emergency.

For questions regarding the emergency State Plan Amendment, email DHHS.MedicaidSPA@nebraska.gov

DHHS has a dedicated COVID-19 web page at: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/pages/Coronavirus.aspx>

The CDC's dedicated page is available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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