

Substance use disorder (SUD) Intergovernmental transfer (IGT) process

What is the payment for a SUD encounter?

- The Health Care Authority (HCA) pays tribal health care facilities the full encounter rate for SUD treatment services provided to **Washington Apple Health (Medicaid)-eligible American Indian and Alaska Native clients**.
- **For Apple Health-eligible non-native clients**, the state requires local matching funds equal to the state's portion of Apple Health expenses for SUD treatment services under 42 C.F.R.433.51.
 - HCA pays tribal health care facilities the federal portion of the Indian Health Services (IHS) encounter rate (i.e., the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage [FMAP]) when a tribe provides the required tribal funds (local matching funds) equal to the state's portion of the IHS encounter rate (the state match).
 - The state match varies depending on whether the Apple Health program covering the non-native client is:
 - Classic Medicaid;
 - Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP); or
 - ABP Presumptive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) (modified adjusted gross income [MAGI] adult).
 - To receive payment for SUD treatment services to non-native clients, the tribal health care facility must deposit the state match funds with the Washington State Treasurer.
 - The Health Care Authority (HCA) draws upon the account to provide the local matching funds. HCA then reimburses the tribe the local matching funds and pays the federal portion of the IHS encounter rate. **This is referred to as the IGT process.**

Non-native Apple Health category	State match required	Which Medicaid category applies to which RAC code?	How much does claim pay (federal portion)?
Classic Medicaid	50%	Any encounter eligible RAC code except 1201 or 1217	50% of encounter rate
Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP)	6%	RAC code 1201	94% of encounter rate
ABP Presumptive SSI (MAGI Adult)	10.40%	RAC code 1217	89.60% of encounter rate

Note: If a non-American Indian or Alaska Native client has Risk Assessment Codes (RAC) 1201 and 1217 for the date of service, the client is deemed retroactively eligible SSI; claims are billed according to RAC code 1217.

Note: The FMAP rate and the state match (equal to 100%, less the FMAP rate) vary quarterly. FMAP examples are from January 2017. The claims processing date determines which FMAP and State Match is applicable.



What is the process for an intergovernmental transfer (IGT)?

Tribes submitting SUD Apple Health claims for non-native clients must send the Apple Health match to HCA by the 15th of each month for the previous month's claims using the current FMAP.

The facility may bill only for services described in the [Substance Use Disorder Billing Instructions](#).

How do I send HCA the local match?

Send the local match using one of these options:

1. **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or wire transfer and Automated Clearing House (ACH) transfer**

Before sending the EFT or wire transfer, email the transfer amount and date to the HCA Accounts Payable Desk at acctspay@hca.wa.gov.

HCA account number: 153910882791

EFT or wire/ACH routing number: 123000848

2. **Physical check**

Send to:

Health Care Authority
Behavioral Health Accounting
PO Box 42691
Olympia, WA 98504-2691

(Note: This process takes longer to receive payment than EFT, wire transfer, or ACH)

What does HCA do after receiving the local match?

After receiving the tribe's local match, HCA will:

- Send confirmation to the tribe that funds were received;
- Pay the federal portion for these claims; and
- Issue the local match payment to the tribe within 5 to 7 business days.