

Montana Medicaid Tribal Consultation

Community Health Aide Program (CHAP)

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DEPARTMENT OF
**PUBLIC HEALTH &
HUMAN SERVICES**

Purpose

Continued discussion between the Department and Indian Health Service, Tribal 638 programs, and Urban Indian Organizations around the status of the Community Health Aide Program and implementation in Montana.



Discussion

Update from the National CHAP Board meeting-

- Still working to adopt policies and procedures based on Alaska's CHAP but modified for the lower 48.
- Working on finalizing the by-laws.
- Hoping to have some progress to share with CMS at the first quarter of 2026.
- Other updates from those who attended?



Area Certification Board (ACB)

- Status of the ACB?
 - Has representation from all Tribes been established?
 - What step of the 8 steps to become an ACB is being worked on?
 - For consideration – proposing the ACB to be the point of contact for CHAP with the Department once established.



State Plan Amendment and Billing

- The Department will continue to stay in touch with IHS headquarters and CMS on the progress towards policies, procedures, and by-laws.
- The Department will continue to work with the ACB once established for programmatic information.
- Are there currently any thoughts around billing structure that the Tribes would like the Department to consider?





Any other areas for discussion?