

## **HOW TO APPLY FOR ALTERNATE RESOURCES:**

Here in Arizona, there are two ways to apply for alternate resources through the Affordable Care Act (ACA):

### ➤ **The Marketplace**

If you are employed and do not receive health benefits through work, you can apply for insurance through the Marketplace at

[www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov)

### ➤ **Medicaid Expansion**

The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) is Arizona's Medicaid program. If you are unemployed and meet the following criteria, you can apply for AHCCCS online at

[www.healtharizonaplus.gov](http://www.healtharizonaplus.gov).

AHCCCS is FREE. To be eligible, you must:

- Be an Arizona resident
- Be a United States citizen (or qualified immigrant)
- Have a Social Security Number
- Cooperate with the Division of Child Support Enforcement if needed
- Meet income limits of 133% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL)

➤ In 2014, AHCCCS expanded Coverage to people between 100% to 133% of the FPL and restored coverage to single childless adults who meet the income limit

## **APPEALS PROCESS**

Any Appeal must be in writing and received within **30 days** from receiving a denial letter.

Submit Appeals to:

Purchased/Referred Care Committee  
Wassaja Memorial Health Center  
P.O. Box 17779  
Fountain Hills, AZ 85269



## **QUESTIONS**

For questions regarding Purchased/Referred Care services, please call:

(480)789-7880



## **Purchased/ Referred Care Services**



## **Wassaja Memorial Health Center**

**P.O. Box 17779  
Fountain Hills, AZ 85269  
Phone: (480)789-7880  
Fax: (480)837-1270**

## What types of services are provided through the Indian Health Service (IHS)?

- **Direct Care**

Services that are provided at IHS facilities (including WMHC and the Phoenix Indian Medical Center, or PIMC).

- **Purchased/Referred Care (PRC)**

Previously called “Contract Health Services.” Some services that are not available at IHS facilities require a referral to a non-IHS facility. Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) authorizes payment for eligible patients.



## What medical services are covered?

The services received must meet the criteria established as medical priorities:

- Emergencies – threat of *life* or *limb*
- Medical services that are not available at Wassaja Memorial Health Center (WMHC) or PIMC that have been pre-approved by Fort McDowell’s Purchased/Referred Care (PRC)



## Is Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) the same as insurance?

No, PRC is the **payor of last resort**. This means that if a patient is eligible for alternate resources, like private insurance, Medicare, or AHCCCS, the alternate resources need to be utilized first before PRC considers payment.

- **Direct Care**

## Am I eligible for Purchased/Referred Care at Fort McDowell?

To be eligible, you must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Proof of Indian Descent**

You must be an enrolled member of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, or

- Enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe and maintain a *close socioeconomic tie* with the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation (for example, you are married to a Tribal member and/or work here).
- If you are under 18 years of age and are NOT enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe, you must provide proof of **tribal descendency** (your birth certificate and a copy of your parent(s) tribal enrollment certification).

- 2. Residence**

You must reside on the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation reservation for more than 6 months and provide PROOF OF RESIDENCE, for example, a utility bill with your name and current address, housing papers, school enrollment, or driver’s license.

- 3. Alternate Resources**

You must use other resources to pay for your care first. For example, if you have insurance through work, or any other type of insurance like Medicare, VA or AHCCCS, you must use those resources first. If you are eligible for an alternate resource, YOU MUST APPLY for that resource.

- 4. Obtain Prior Approval**

You must obtain prior approval from Fort McDowell’s PRC for *NON-EMERGENCY* care.

- 5. Notify Fort McDowell’s Purchase/Referred Care Representative**

You must notify Fort McDowell’s PRC services **within 72 hours of a hospital admission** by calling **(480)789-7880** and speaking with the PRC representative. A faxed notification from the hospital/ER is also allowed.

\*Special consideration is given to Elders (over age 55). They will have 30 days to provide notification.

## You may be denied Purchased/Referred Care Services for any of the following reasons:

- You do not live on the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Reservation
- You are over age 18 and are not enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe
- You could have been treated at WMHC or another IHS facility for non-life-threatening care
- WMHC did not make the referral for non-emergency care
- Purchased/Referred Care Services does not cover dental services or prescription medication costs
- FMYN Purchased/Referred Care does not pay for services related to illicit drug and/or alcohol use
- You did not notify Purchased/Referred Care within 72 hours from the beginning of emergency medical treatment
- You are eligible for alternate resources but failed to apply
- You have alternate resources but they have not yet been billed

