



March 29, 2019

Dear Student,

We send our warmest congratulations in your pursuit of higher education! This letter provides information and requirements that students need to follow in order to receive medical and dental benefits while attending schools outside of the State of Alaska.

The Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) Purchased Referred Care (PRC) program provides limited funding to eligible Alaska Native/American Indian students or student's spouse and legal dependents who are temporarily residing outside the State of Alaska, for the purpose of attending programs of vocational, technical, or academic education on a **full-time basis**. ANMC PRC is not an insurance program and only provides coverage for students who are Alaska residents and will be maintaining residency in Alaska. Medical coverage is limited to acute medical conditions and is continuous for a period not to exceed 180 days after completion of studies.

Student funding for health care includes normal school breaks, such as spring & winter breaks, however it does not include summer vacation. ANMC PRC procedure states that during summer vacation, the home service areas (NSHC) in Alaska are responsible for their respective student's health care.

Due to limited funding, PRC will only authorize payment for **acute medical conditions requiring immediate care & treatment**. Eligible students and/or their legal dependents should take care of routine medical and dental needs prior to leaving the State of Alaska. Routine care is the financial responsibility of the student. Some examples of routine care include school physicals, immunizations, vision and hearing examinations, family planning, dental care, and non-emergent/urgent surgical procedures. Additionally, the patient or legal dependent may be expected to return to Alaska for surgical procedures that are not urgent/emergent in nature. **Inpatient or outpatient mental health/substance treatment** services do not fall within ANMC medical priorities and will not be authorized by ANMC PRC. **If services in this category become a need, please call the NSHC Patient Advocate at 907-443-4567.**

**Requirements for Students & Legal Dependents:**

- Students and/or legal dependents are expected to utilize medical & dental services that are provided through a school's health program or clinic and are encouraged to purchase and utilize school health insurance when available. This type of insurance will make at least partial payment of the medical bill and will enable the ANMC PRC program to provide more services to a greater number of students. If medical or dental care is received off-campus when these services are available, ANMC PRC will not authorize payment.
- Students are required to utilize IHS facilities if they are available. Students can access the IHS facility list at <https://ihs.gov/forpatients/healthcare>. Contact each IHS/Tribal Facility to see if you can receive care at that facility. ANMC PRC will deny payment to non-IHS providers in those instances when the student could have utilized an IHS facility.

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- **Students must provide ANMC PRC office with the following before they will be eligible for the student program:**
- An official letter from the school's registrar's or office of admissions verifying the student's attendance will be (is) full-time. This letter is required for every semester the student is attending on a full-time basis. Only those students who maintain their Alaska residency are eligible for the ANMC PRC student program.
  - Proof of eligibility must be on file at ANMC PRC for the student and all legal dependent family members. We accept Certificates of Indian Blood by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), BIA Cards, and Tribal Membership cards from a federally recognized tribe.
  - Complete the patient registration worksheet and provide a copy of your valid State of Alaska identification or driver's license.
  - Date of departure from Alaska (i.e. copy of the airline ticket or itinerary, ferry system tickets, and/or gas receipts) depending on the means of travel.
  - Anticipated date of return to Alaska (i.e. copy of the airline ticket or itinerary, ferry system tickets and/or gas receipts) upon your return to Alaska.
  - The student's temporary mailing address and contact telephone number while going to school.

Not returning these documents could result in a delay in ANMC PRC authorizing medical or dental services the student may need.

**Do you need help submitting this information to ANMC?** NSHC can help, please call the NSHC Patient Advocate at 907-443-4567 or by email at [padvocate@nshcorp.org](mailto:padvocate@nshcorp.org).

**Requirements for Medical Services:**

- **Non-emergent medical services** must be pre-approved prior to scheduling medical appointments. The student has the ultimate responsibility of getting pre-authorization from ANMC PRC; however any person acting on behalf of the student may request pre-authorization (i.e. a parent or guardian).
- **Emergent medical care** for outpatient or inpatient services must be reported to ANMC PRC within **72 hours** (including weekends & holidays) after beginning of treatment. ANMC PRC will be unable to authorize payment if notification is not given within the 72-hour period. Final authorization is not granted until the patient provides ANMC PRC with the medical records which are reviewed by medical professionals to determine if the care received qualifies as immediate care and treatment.
- If upon review the care received does not meet the criteria of **immediate care and treatment**, ANMC PRC will not authorize payment and the student will then be financially responsible. **If payment is approved, students are ultimately responsible for ensuring ANMC PRC receives all claims and applicable insurance information in a timely manner. ANMC PRC will not be responsible for delinquent accounts due to untimely submission of claims and/or insurance information.**

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## **Purchased Referred Care Contact Information:**

Mailing Address:

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Alaska 99508

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Ambassador Dr. #148

Anchorage, AK 99508

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[prc@anthc.org](mailto:prc@anthc.org) or <http://anmc.org/patients-visitors/prc/>

For questions about **Dental Services**, please contact Dr. Williard at the Alaska Area Native Health Service's Dental office at (907) 729 5602 or [mewilliard@anthc.org](mailto:mewilliard@anthc.org).

NSHC wishes you the best of luck as you pursue your educational goals. Please do not hesitate to contact NSHC's Patient Advocate in Nome at 907-443-4567 or in Anchorage at 907-434-1323 to help you with any medical questions you may have while away from home.



Sincerely,

Angie Gorn, CEO

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