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Sierra County
Amendment to the Sierra County
Indigent Healthcare Ordinance, Ordinance No. 10-004

Ordinance No: 15-001

Passed: 2-17-15

Effective Date: 30 days

SIERRA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ORDINANCE No 15-001

AMENDING THE INDIGENT HEALTHCARE ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Sierra County Board of County Commissioners met upon notice of a regular meeting, duly published, at the Sierra County Administrative Offices, 855 Van Patten, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico 87901, on February 17, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Sierra County, New Mexico, is required by law to sit as the Sierra County Indigent Hospital Claims Board for the purpose of administering the Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 27-5-1 to 27-5-18 (1965, as amended through 2004), and adopting Rules and Regulations for the processing of said claims; and,

WHEREAS, the Sierra County Indigent Hospital Claims Board has seen the need to adopt Rules and Regulations for the processing of Indigent Hospital Claims, and has adopted such Rules; and,

WHEREAS, the Sierra County Indigent Hospital Claims Board desires to amend the indigent healthcare Ordinance to clarify that the Indigent Fund may be utilized for Primary Care Services, Physicians, and for other services as deemed necessary by the IHC administrator; and,

WHEREAS, the Sierra County Indigent Hospital Claims Board desires to amend the indigent healthcare Ordinance to provide for complete payment of medical claims by individuals committed to the custody of the Sierra County Detention Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sierra County Board of Commissioners that Section 3.6(A) of the Indigent Health Care Ordinance is amended as follows:

- (7) Primary Care Services - Primary care services are provided to individuals for the basic or general health care needs of the patient.
- (8) Physicians - A licensed medical doctor, certified registered nurse anesthetist, certified nurse practitioner, osteopathic physician, dentist, optometrist or expanded practice nurse when providing emergency services, as determined by the IHC Administrator, in a hospital to an indigent patient; or a licensed medical doctor or osteopathic physician, dentist, optometrist or expanded practice nurse when providing services in an outpatient setting, as determined by the IHC Administrator, to an indigent patient with life threatening illness or disability.
- (9) Other services. The IHC Administrator may allow other services which will benefit all indigent patients as deemed necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Sierra County Board of Commissioners that Section 3.7 of the Indigent Health Care Ordinance is amended as follows:

3.7 Detainees. Individuals committed to the custody of the Sierra County Detention Center shall be considered medically indigent for the purpose of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Sierra County Board of Commissioners that Section 5.1 of the Indigent Health Care Ordinance is amended as follows:

5.1 Reimbursement To Medical Providers. Approvals or reimbursement of IHC funds by the County shall be made to eligible medical providers based on seventy seven percent (77%) of the actual billed charges or one hundred percent (100%) of the Medicaid rate, whichever is the lessor thereof, for eligible treatment not to exceed the established claim limit, except that approvals or reimbursement of IHC funds by the County shall be made to eligible medical providers based of the entire of the actual billed charges or one hundred percent (100%) of the Medicaid rate, whichever is the lessor thereof, for eligible treatment of individuals committed to the custody of the Sierra County Detention Center. Charges shall be submitted on itemized bills with the treating diagnosis form the medical provide(s). The charges for such services shall not exceed the normal charges to other patients. Approvals or reimbursements will be made to medical providers after obtaining authorization from the IHC Board.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 17th day of February 2015.

**Board of County Commissioners
Sierra County, New Mexico**

Kenneth Lyon
Kenneth Lyon, Chairman

Frances Luna
Frances Luna, Vice-Chairman

Sherry Fletcher
Sherry Fletcher, Commissioner

Attest:

Connie Greer
Connie Greer, Clerk

STATE OF NEW MEXICO } ss
County of Sierra

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this instrument was filed for record on the 18th day of Feb, A.D., 20 15 at 11:09 o'clock A M. and duly recorded in book 2 page 510-512
Fee \$ 0

Connie Greer
County Clerk, Sierra County, N.Mex
By Jessie Conner
Deputy