



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 19-54

of the

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Tribe, its members, its lands, its enterprises and its agencies by the authority of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Squaxin Island Tribe, as approved and adopted by the General Body and the Secretary of the Interior on July 8, 1965;

WHEREAS, under the Constitution, Bylaws and inherent sovereignty of the Tribe, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security, education and general welfare of the tribal members, and with protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources and rights of the Tribe;

WHEREAS, The Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe possessing reserved powers, including the powers of self government;

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has been entrusted with the creation of ordinances and resolutions in order to fulfill their duty of protecting the health, security, education, and general welfare of tribal members, and of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources of the Tribe;

WHEREAS, The Squaxin Island Tribal Health Services would request a designation as a Federally Qualified Health Care Facility (FQHC). Excluding certain services, such as pharmacy, that do not benefit the tribe to designate as an FQHC service;

WHEREAS, The State of Washington, Health Care Authority (HCA), Tribal and Urban Indian Health Program (UIHP) and American Indian Health Commission (AIHC) have submitted a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to allow for the Indian Health Services (I.H.S.) encounter rate for Medicaid clients/patients. The CMS approved the SPA in 2019;

WHEREAS, CMS has stated that a Tribal Health Services can change their Designation from "Medicaid" to Federally Qualified Health Center which will allow providing billable services "outside the four walls" or clinically appropriate setting. Tribes can receive the I.H.S. encounter rate for non-Tribal services that are provided under FQHC affiliate agreement. FQHC have a one facility, one rate rule (see Social Security Act 1902 (bb) Exception: Substance Use Disorder-Tribal FQHC still will be responsible for state match;

WHEREAS, FQHC Tribal Affiliate Agreements enable referral to non-Tribal providers with care coordination with the tribe. Which allows for the I.H.S. encounter rate and Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for FQHC qualified services at 100% of federal match;

WHEREAS, Care Coordination Agreements, can use these agreements with non-tribal providers (such as a hospital). The agreements ensure care coordination for Medicaid services including inpatient. The State of Washington receives 100% federal match for services provided to AI/AN clients. Such funds are placed in an AI/AN reinvestment account with oversight from the Governors Indian Advisory Board.

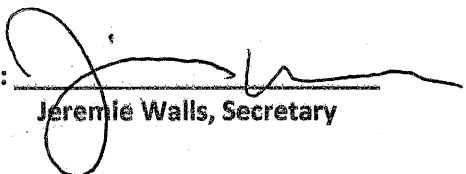
WHEREAS, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council designates Squaxin Island Health Services as an FQHC, with the exception of those services as designated by the Director of Health Services as outside the FQHC program.

CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 12th day of September 2019, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.


Arnold Cooper, Chairman


Charlene Krise, Vice Chairman

Attested by: 
Jeremie Walls, Secretary