

Wyoming Medicaid Tribal Programs

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Introduction

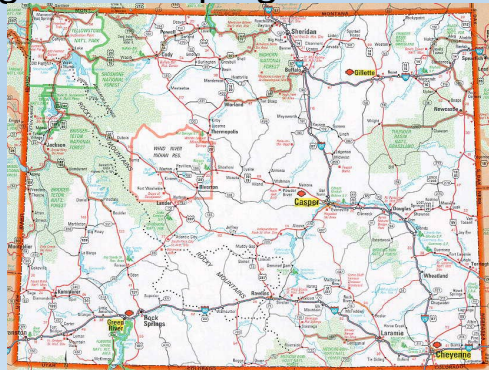
The purpose of the Tribal Health program is to support the American Indian health care infrastructure on the Wind River Reservation as it applies to Wyoming Medicaid in coordination with the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone tribes.

Program Goals

- Increase Medicaid enrollment
- Maximize federal funding through initiatives and state plan amendments
- Focus on utilization and health disparities

Wyoming Medicaid

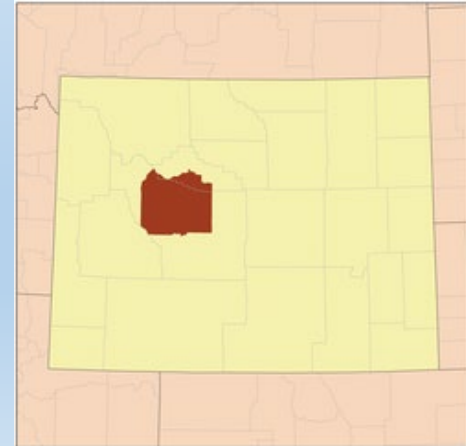
- Medicaid covered 89,212 Wyoming residents in State Fiscal Year 2025 (July 2024 to June 2025) in more than 50 different eligibility groups during the year. The average monthly enrollment is approximately 71,304. This was actually a decrease of about 14.7% from SFY 2024.
 - 15.1% of the total Wyoming population
 - 50% of members reside in Fremont, Natrona and Laramie County
 - 62.2% of members are children 0-20
 - 30% of members are age 21-64
 - 8.8% of members are age 65+
- The Wyoming Medicaid program is funded 50%/50% state to federal match for most programs.



Wyoming's population is estimated at 588,753. Wyoming is the least populous state. It is the 10th largest state.

Wind River Reservation

- Shared by two American Indian Tribes – Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho
- 25,858 individuals live on the Wind River Reservation
 - Median age is 37.5
 - 57% of the group is 18-64 years of age
 - 51% male and 49% female
 - 2.8% of the state population
 - +/- 5,000 Eastern Shoshone
 - +/- 10,000 Northern Arapaho
- 7th largest Indian reservation in the US by area
2.2million acres – 3,532 square miles
Roughly 60 miles east to west, 50 miles north to south
 - 1/3rd of Fremont County and 1/5th of Hot Springs County



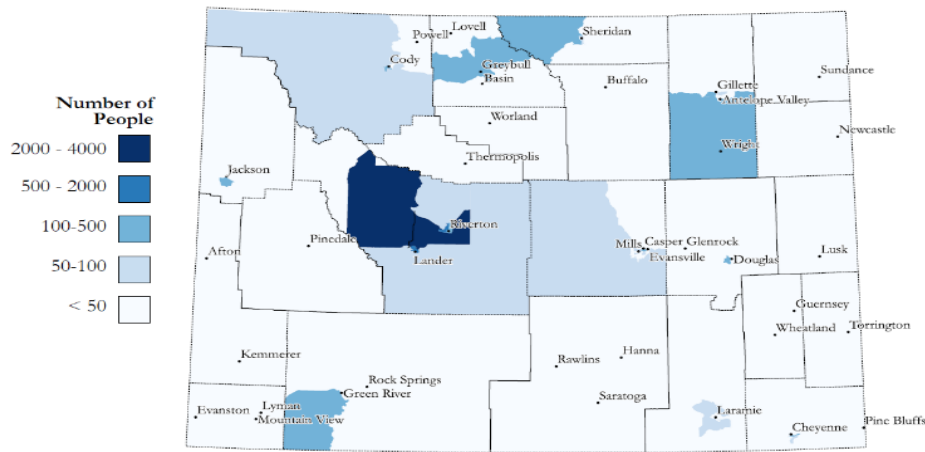
Wyoming Medicaid Enrollment

Current Enrollment

- 11,927 American Indians/Alaskan Natives reside in Wyoming
 - 2.06% of the population (#8th highest among states)
 - 37% enrolled in Wyoming Medicaid
 - 78% enrolled with WY Medicaid live in the county the reservation is located

Distribution of Native Americans in Wyoming

data: US Census, American Community Survey 2014, Table B020014 / Table B0200141



For month of May 2025– there were 4,608 AI/AN individuals enrolled in Medicaid

Fremont County – 4108

0-18 years – 2679

19-21 years – 379

22-64 years – 1,354

65 and older - 196

Natrona County - 156

Laramie County – 77

Campbell County – 47

Rest of Counties - 220

Medicaid Enrolled Tribal Programs

Type of Facility	Number of Facilities	Name
638 - Clinic	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Wind River Family & Community Health Care – Arapaho, Riverton and Ethete locations-Warm Valley Health Care – July of 2024-Northern Arapaho Tribal Health-Eastern Shoshone Tribal Health-Wind River Dialysis <p>(Northern Arapaho have opened a dialysis clinic but are currently not enrolled with Medicaid)</p> <p>In the next 5 years, the two Tribes are planning to open a joint venture</p>
638 - Substance Abuse Treatment Center	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Doya Natsu Healing Center-White Buffalo Recovery Center
638 - Nursing Home	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Morning Star Care Center

Wyoming Medicaid Eligible

- Children
 - Newborn – Baby born to a Medicaid eligible mother until age one
 - Child MAGI– Children 0 through 5 with family income at or below 154% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Children 6 through 18 with family income at or below 133% of the FPL
- Foster Care – Children in DFS custody including some who enter subsidized adoption or who age out of foster care
- Pregnant Women
 - Income at or below 154% FPL
- Family MAGI
 - Adult(s) caring for a child under the age of 18 with income at or below approximately 55% of the FPL
- Aging, Blind and Disabled

Table 9. Unique Recipient History by Eligibility Category⁷

Eligibility Category	SFY 2020	SFY 2021	SFY 2022	SFY 2023	SFY 2024	SFY 2025	5 Year % Change
ABD EID	382	320	318	358	413	298	-22.0
ABD ID/DD/ABI	2,655	2,633	2,659	2,736	3,078	3,148	18.6
ABD Institution	76	71	57	57	69	47	-38.2
ABD Long-Term Care	5,830	5,160	4,977	5,300	5,572	4,874	-16.4
ABD SSI & SSI Related	6,087	5,828	5,949	6,348	6,435	5,620	-7.7
Adults	8,098	8,308	9,083	10,406	11,454	9,337	15.3
Children	39,420	39,256	42,216	47,415	48,672	42,142	6.9
Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	--	2,939	3,394	3,576	5,197	6,205	--
Gross Adjustments	277	93	44	--	--	--	--
Medicare Savings Programs	2,938	2,717	2,687	3,061	3,345	3,172	8.0
Non-Citizens with Medical Emergencies	140	124	154	234	230	239	70.7
Pregnant Women	4,336	3,753	4,264	5,111	5,972	5,236	20.8
Screenings	2,622	1,357	853	967	698	689	-73.7
Special Groups	288	255	264	280	313	260	-9.7
Total	68,775	69,443	73,972	82,228	84,358	74,473	8.3

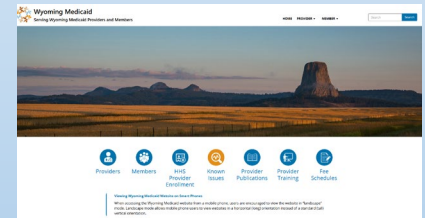
Enrollment Efforts

- Wyoming Medicaid entered into a contract with the two 638 tribal medical clinics. State is able to submit expenditures to receive Federal Share for enrollment activities.
 - There are 5-6 out-stationed staff at Tribal clinics. Staff able to process applications, renewals, complete follow-ups and make changes in Wyoming Eligibility System (WES)
 - Main reasons for enrollment closure - failure to complete review, income exceeds limit, failure to provide information or complete application
- All tribal facilities have access to billing system which provides real time eligibility
- Outreach trainings to Tribal facilities and also a direct contact with state staff



Billing System

- In October of 2021, Wyoming Medicaid rolled out a new billing system
- For providers - the features and functions include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Member Eligibility verification
 - Claim entry
 - Claim submission – with almost real time information
 - Remittance Advice (RA) retrieval
 - Prior Authorization inquiry
 - Manage users
 - Manage billing agents or clearinghouses
 - Group providers will have the ability to view their servicing/treating providers



Other Projects and Initiatives

- Tribal Leadership Advisory Committee
- 100% FMAP for “Received Through” Services
- State Plan Amendment
- Expenditures/Utilization



Tribal Leadership Advisory Committee

- Goal: To provide a bidirectional mechanism for Wyoming Department of Health and Wyoming's Tribal leadership to share, discuss, evaluate impact and share feedback on all projects and/or share regulatory revisions proposed by any state agency or division within the Wyoming Department of Health
 - The Director signed a WDH policy formally adopting and funding a Native American Tribal Leadership Advisory Council. (July 2015)
 - The Advisory Council consists of two members from the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, Northern Arapaho Tribe, Indian Health Services and representatives of the various Divisions of the WDH
 - While only the appointees are voting members, meetings are open to the public
 - First Tribal Leadership Advisory Council meeting in August of 2015
 - Conducted quarterly in Riverton/Lander, WY or Cheyenne, WY
 - Topics include:
 - Review of WDH updates
 - Tribal facility updates
 - Strategic planning
 - Training

100% FMAP for “Received Through” Services

100% FMAP for “Received Through” Services Policy

- Additional administrative burden on IHS/638 Tribal providers
- Shared savings with realized state general fund savings
 - 5% for general fund savings of less than \$5,000,000
 - 7.5% for a general fund savings of \$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999
 - 10% for a general fund savings of \$10,000,000 or more
- IHS/638 Tribal facilities contract with Wyoming Department of Health
 - Provide copies of care coordination agreements to state
 - Provide documentation for quality assurance reviews
- Care Coordination Agreements in place between Wind River Family & Community Health Care:
 - Four Hospitals & one Behavioral Health facility
 - Three State facilities
 - Physical Therapy clinics, Intellectual Disabilities organization

State Plan Amendment and Expenditures

Tribal facilities have experienced an increase in expenditures due to a change in reimbursement methodology.

- Increased the number of encounters covered per person per day
- Increased the number of prescriptions per day covered by Medicaid
- Changed End Stage Renal Disease claims for Wind River Dialysis from fee-for-service to an encounter rate this includes individuals who are American Indian/Alaskan Native and non-AI/AN

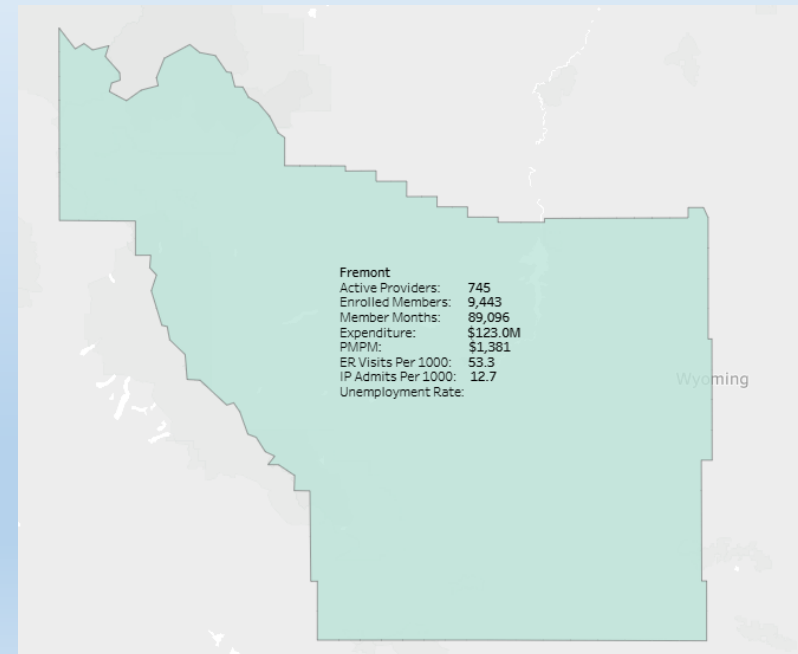
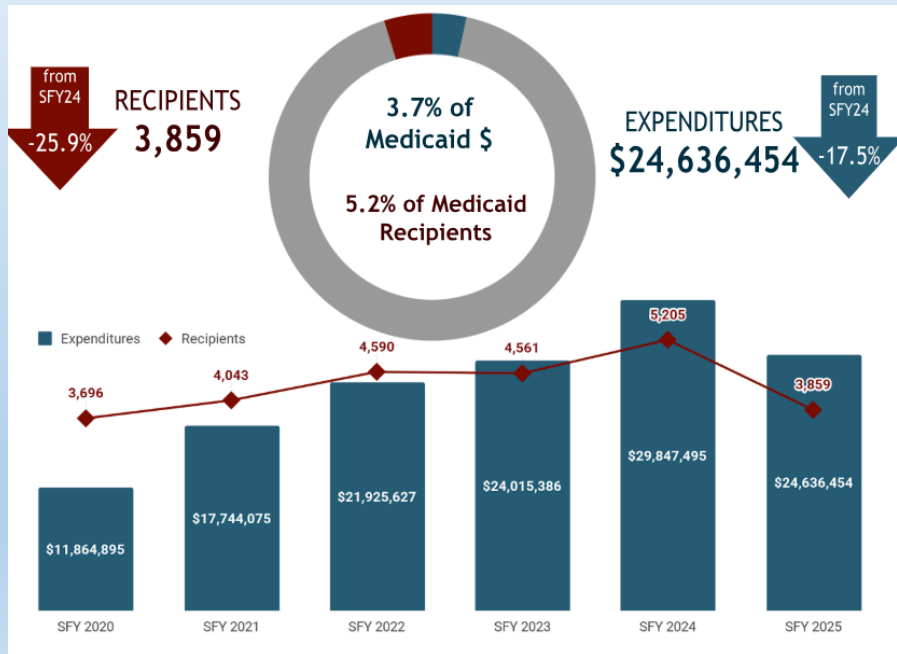
This SPA was approved in March of 2017.

New SPA submitted in December of 2020 to add Tribal FQHCs.

Not included in the SPA but still pertinent - Wyoming Medicaid pays Tribal Nursing Home percentage of OMB rate for AI/AN and Non-AI/AN residents

Tribal Expenditures

The change in reimbursement methodology led to a combined increase of approximately \$14 million dollars for the Tribal facilities from SFY 2017 to present for medical claims. Pharmacy claims totalled \$30,840,460 for 2,802 unique members.



Utilization

IP Admits Fremont County

IP Admits Per 1000 for SFY 2025	IP Admits Count for SFY 2025	IP Expenditure for SFY 2025	Unique IP Recipients for SFY 2025
12.7	1,134	\$8.2M	841

State*

IP Admits Per 1000 for SFY 2025	IP Admits Count for SFY 2025	IP Expenditure for SFY 2025	Unique IP Recipients for SFY 2025
11.3	7,983	\$56.1M	6,481

ER visits Fremont County

ER Visits Per 1000 for SFY 2025	ER Visits Count for SFY 2025	ER Expenditure for SFY 2025	Unique ER Recipients for SFY 2025
53.3	4,747	\$1.5M	2,398

State*

ER Visits Per 1000 for SFY 2025	ER Visits Count for SFY 2025	ER Expenditure for SFY 2025	Unique ER Recipients for SFY 2025
46.8	33,139	\$12.0M	17,022

*Does not include Fremont county

Conclusion

With the change of the reimbursement methodology, all Wyoming Tribal facilities have seen an increase in revenue. With this increase in revenue, the goal is for the facilities to grow their infrastructure, staff and services provided. This will allow them to provide culturally appropriate preventative and speciality services/programs to those on the reservation.

Due the public health emergency, Medicaid has had more contact with the facilities to provide guidance and support through this trying time.

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Knowledge Check

- What is the percentage of AI/AN individuals that are on Medicaid in Wyoming?
a. 37% b. 49.8% c. 25.9%
- In what year did the State of Wyoming receive approval for a change to reimbursement for IHS or tribal facilities?
a. 2015, b. 2016 c. 2017 d. 2018
- The change in the reimbursement methodology increased the revenue for the facilities?
a. True b. False
- How many prescriptions can be billed as an encounter per day at a tribal facility or IHS?
a. 2 b. 4. c. unlimited d. 1
- Can the tribal facilities use telehealth to provide services to their clients?
a. Yes b. No

Questions

