6. You and/or your medical escort will be informed that travel is ready to be picked up.

7. Ferry passes are only given if the travel stems from your KIC THC medical provider referring you to the facility you are traveling for your medical appointments within Indian Health Services.

8. KIC PRC can as a courtesy, fill out Medicaid vouchers for a KIC THC medical referral only. Patients are responsible for setting up meals, lodging, airlines, etc. Nothing more than Medicaid vouchers can be given for a medical referral only. Prior authorization is given to the patient by Alaska Medicaid prior authorization specialist or a case manager.

Medical Referral Only Travel:

PRC funds will not cover travel for any medical referral only travel. KIC THC PRC funds cannot be spent outside the State of Alaska. Ferry passes to the Ketchikan airport are purchased with PRC funds. This means that airport ferry passes also cannot be given out for medical referral only travel.

Purchased and Referred Care Department

About Us

Purchased and Referred Care covers billing, referrals, and medical travel. This brochure covers travel processes and information.

Purchased and Referred Care funding comes from the Federal Government. Therefore, Purchased and Referred Care funds have to be spent following the Indian Health Service guidelines. You can review the guidelines at:

https://www.ihs.gov/prc/

Contact Us

Phone: 907-228-9204
Web: www.kictribe.org

Travel ONLY after hours: 907-220-4243

KETCHIKAN INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL HEALTH CLINIC PURCHASED & REFERRED CARE DEPARTMENT

2960 Tongass Ave.
Ketchikan, Ak. 99901
Any medical escort needs to be 18 years old or older, and of sound mind.

Leaving against medical advice or getting kicked out of the facility you are traveling to may result in the patient paying for all expenses.

SEARHC Mount Edgecumbe Hospital in Sitka, Alaska

Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC)

What to expect for travel when being referred to this medical facility:

1. A KIC THC medical provider refers you to this facility for further medical care. It can take up to 2-4 weeks for ANMC to contact you to schedule your appointment.
2. ANMC contacts our PRC department. You may receive information before we do, so please bring your appointment letter in once you’ve received the letter for us to make a copy.
3. A PRC staff member will contact you when your travel is ready for pick up.
4. ANMC requests patients to now call to set up the patients’ own lodging. Please call ANMC’s Patient Housing to set up your housing at 1-866-824-8140.
5. Any patient traveling to ANMC using Alaska Medicaid needs to contact ANMC Medicaid office at 907-729-7720 option 1 for any issues with travel.

Alaska Medicaid Travel for KIC THC Patients

Alaska Medicaid pays completely for flights, taxis, meals, and lodging. Not airport ferry passes.

Alaska Medicaid Process

1. A prior authorization is required before a patient can travel.
2. A KIC THC medical provider must write you a letter of medical necessity before Alaska Medicaid will approve a medical escort, if one may be needed.
3. A Medicaid medical provider will review the letter written on your behalf, and the Medicaid provider determines if you receive a medical escort.
4. After receiving the approved prior authorization from Alaska Medicaid, ANMC or KIC-PRC will contact you for preferences in regards to flights and lodging. You will also find out during this point of contact, if you did receive a medical escort if one was requested.
5. Alaska Medicaid vouchers are filled out prior to pick up.