

**The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL  
of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES**

NUMBER 2001-14

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AMENDMENT OF THE STATE  
MEDICAID PLAN BY THE OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY,  
REMOVING CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS TO MEDICAID PAYMENTS,  
REDEFINING THE TERM ENCOUNTER AND ALLOWING  
REIMBURSEMENT FOR MULTIPLE ENCOUNTERS ON THE SAME DAY**

**WHEREAS,**

the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is an organization which unites the tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole Nations, representing over 400,000 Indian people throughout the United States, and

**WHEREAS,**

The current Oklahoma State Medicaid Plan defines an encounter as all services provided on a single day,

**WHEREAS,**

The current State Medicaid Plan of states other than Oklahoma define an encounter as all the services provided by a single day,

**WHEREAS,**

The discrepancy between the definition of encounter in Oklahoma State Medicaid Plan and the State Medicaid Plan of states other than Oklahoma results in a disparity in reimbursement, and

**WHEREAS,**

The proposed change to the Oklahoma State Medicaid grant will provide additional resources to provide healthcare to eligible persons;

**WHEREAS,**

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes hereby requests that the Oklahoma State Medicaid Plan be amended to define an encounter as all the health services provided on a single day by any one of the following disciplines: medicine, dental, behavioral health, optometry/ophthalmology, physical therapy, podiatry, and audiology,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports the amending of the Oklahoma State Medicaid Plan.

## CERTIFICATION

The foregoing No. 2001-13 was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma meeting at Sulphur, Oklahoma on October 12, 2001, by a vote of 24 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

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