



OUT OF AREA MEDICAL ASSISTANCE POLICY

I. MISSION STATEMENT

The Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria recognizes and understands that medical issues arise which require travel to other cities in order to receive treatment. Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria wants to ensure that Bear River families do not face financial hardship due to medical reasons and understands that medical transportation costs may create serious financial hardship due to the lack of medical options within their county of residence.

II. GOALS

To provide assistance with transportation costs when a Bear River Tribal Member cannot cover the cost of travel for medical appointments. The goal is to ensure the well-being of Tribal Members by supplementing the cost of travel.

III. DEFINITIONS

- *Out-of-Area-Medical-* Any travel taking 3 hours or more one way, according to an internet web mapping service (e.g. MapQuest, Google Maps, etc.).

IV. QUALIFICATIONS

- All Bear River Members are eligible to access assistance throughout the calendar year. This assistance is up to \$500.00 per Tribal Member per calendar year. Unused portions do not roll over to the following year.
- Non-enrolled children of Bear River Tribal Members residing in the tribal household are eligible for \$250. This includes adopted children, step children and grandchildren.

V. PROCESSING

1. The tribal benefits application **MUST** be submitted to the Tribal Benefits Coordinator 7 days prior to departure date. Benefit application will be processed within 3-7 days if application is fully completed.

VI. LIMITATIONS FOR PAYMENT

Available Assistance

This policy can be accessed multiple times per calendar year but not to exceed the amount defined in Section IV. Qualifications. Covered items include:

- Overnight Lodging
- Food
- Gas, other transportation

Costs will be covered only if the costs are reasonable. For example, the cost of staying at a luxury hotel or fine dining would not be covered.

*Emergency situations where an individual is transported out of the area through a medical transport service are exempt from the REQUIREMENTS listed in Section V. Processing. All other requirements must be met. In the event that a Tribal Member accesses this policy through an emergency situation reimbursements will be allowed.

VII. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. Proof of appointment must be attached to the benefit request application and submitted to the Tribal Benefits Program Coordinator.
2. Tribal Member, Tribal Member parent or legal guardian of a minor Tribal Member must return original receipts to demonstrate expenditures for the medical out of area travel.
3. Proof of appointment attendance verification.

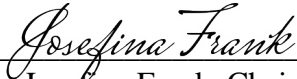
VIII. DEFAULTS

- a. A Tribal Member will be classified in default status if original receipts are not turned in within the 30 day time period. Tribal Members in default status will have their per capita garnished in order to recover the assistance when no receipts are submitted.

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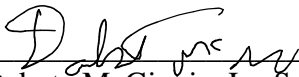
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This is to certify that the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria Tribal Council duly assembled in Loleta, CA and adopted the foregoing document on November 7, 2023 by a vote of **6** For, **0** Against, **0** Abstentions and **1** Absent.

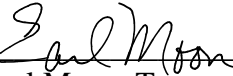


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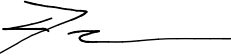
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