

# BEAR RIVER MINOR DENTAL/ORTHODONTIC ASSISTANCE POLICY

## I. INTRODUCTION

The Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria recognizes the financial needs of tribal members with children in need of general dental or orthodontic dental work. This policy defines the limits and parameters established by the Tribal Council for accessing orthodontic assistance. This policy applies to all minor enrolled tribal members under the age of eighteen (18).

### **II. DEFINITIONS**

Reserved

## III. LEGAL OBLIGATION

The legal guardian, parent or responsible party of the minor who is applying for the funding on behalf of a minor child must provide the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria with information and details for the dentist or orthodontist performing the work for the minor child. A Tribal Benefits Application must be completed for dental or orthodontic assistance requests.

#### IV. LIMITS

An eligible minor tribal member under the age of eighteen (18) at the time of the dental/orthodontic work may receive dental/orthodontic assistance funds up to a maximum amount of \$2,000.00. The benefit may be utilized once every five (5) years. If the benefit is not used or is not needed then it does not carry into adulthood past the age of eighteen (18).

#### V. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The minor must be an enrolled member of the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria. The minor tribal members legal guardian, parent or responsible party must submit a request to the Bear River Benefits Department in advance of the dental/orthodontic work being done for the child by a third party dentist or orthodontist. Payments for dental/orthodontic assistance will be made to a third party vendor/orthodontist/dentist or made payable to the tribal member requesting reimbursement.

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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 October 31, 2023 by a vote of  $\underline{7}$  For,  $\underline{0}$  Against,  $\underline{0}$  Abstentions and  $\underline{0}$  Absent.

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