



## **OUT-OF AREA MEDICAL ASSISTANCE POLICY**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

The Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria 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 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 in the Humboldt County area.

### **II. PURPOSE AND GOALS**

To provide assistance related to travel 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 three (3) hours or more one way, according to an internet web mapping service (e.g. Mapquest, Google Maps, etc.)

### **IV. ELIGIBILITY**

All Bear River Tribal Members are eligible to access assistance throughout the calendar year.

### **V. BENEFIT LIMITS**

This assistance is up to \$400.00 per Tribal Member per calendar year. Unused portions do not roll over to the following year.

## **VI. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

1. Proof of appointment must be attached to the benefit request application and submitted to the Tribal Benefits Program Coordinator.
2. The benefit request application **MUST** be submitted to the Tribal Benefits Program Coordinator **seven (7) days** prior to the departure date. Benefit applications will be processed within 3-7 days if the application is fully completed. Reimbursements will not be allowed.
3. Tribal member, tribal member parent or legal guardian of a tribal member must return original receipts to demonstrate expenditures for the medical out-of-area travel.
4. Proof of appointment attendance verification is required.

## **VII. COVERED COSTS**

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. The following is a list of items that are covered:

1. Overnight lodging
2. Food
3. Gas, other transportation

## **VIII. DEFAULTS**

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.

\*Emergency situations where an individual is transported out-of-area through a medical transport service are exempt from numbers 1, and 2 as listed in Section VI, Program Requirements. All other requirements must be met. In the event that a tribal member accesses this policy through an emergency situation reimbursements will be allowed.

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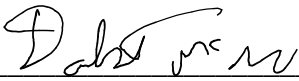
This is to certify the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria Tribal Council duly assembled in Loleta, CA adopted the foregoing policy on September 20, 2022 by a vote of in 5 FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 0 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT.



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