

**BEAR RIVER BAND of the ROHNERVILLE RANCHERIA**

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**Bear River Prescription Drug Assistance Policy**

**I. Mission**

The Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria recognizes the needs of Tribal Members, especially Tribal Elders, with respect to life sustaining life maintaining, and quality of life medications. The purpose of this policy is to outline the guidelines for accessing prescription drug assistance.

**II. Goal**

To assist Tribal Members in their need to maintain health and wellness.

**III. Definitions**

Prescription – An item device or medication that meet medical necessity as defined by a licensed professional.

Elder Tribal Member – Refers to enrolled members of the Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria age 55 and older.

Tribal Member – Refers to enrolled members of the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria ages 54 and under.

**IV. Requirements**

A Tribal Member accessing the prescription drug benefit must demonstrate from a licensed professional that the item, device or medication is required for life maintaining/sustaining purposes and/or quality of life purposes.

**V. Eligibility**

- a) Tribal Members ages 54 and under are eligible for up to \$500.00 per calendar year.
- b) Elder Tribal Members are eligible for up to \$1,000.00 per calendar year.
- c) Parents/Guardians applying for benefits should have legal custody of the Tribal Beneficiary in order to receive benefits. If there are no legal documents on file or any formal agreement in place, the Social Services Department will verify the beneficiary’s domicile/residence with reasonable best efforts and diligence and has the authority and discretion to approve or deny benefits being sought when applicant is a parent applying on behalf of a Tribal Member beneficiary.

- d) A Benefit Request Form must be completed with attached invoice detailing costs to the Bear River Benefits Coordinator.

## **VI. Available Prescription Assistance**

This policy can be accessed multiple times per calendar year but not to exceed the amount defined in section V. Covered prescriptions may include but are not limited to:

- a) Eye glasses
- b) Prescription contact lens
- c) Medication
- d) Medical devices
- e) Other prescribed items deemed necessary by a licensed professional.

## **VII. Limitations for payment**

- a) All prescriptions must have a prescription or note from a licensed professional to qualify.
  - b) Payments for prescription drug assistance will be made to a third party vendor.
  - c) Reimbursements will only be permitted within 30 days of purchasing prescription. A completed benefit request form must be submitted with a receipt and an attached copy of prescription or doctor's note. Reimbursement may not exceed the amount set forth under section V. Eligibility.
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This is to certify the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria Tribal Council duly assembled in Loleta, CA and adopted the foregoing policy on October 5, 2021 by a vote of 5 in FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 0 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT.


  
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