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Department of Health Services
Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

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Submit required form (link below) to request reimbursement by May 30, 2012
<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forms/F0/f00301.doc>

Index Title: Mental Health High Cost Placement Fund for Tribal Members

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For: Human Services Area Coordinator
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From: Linda Harris, Administrator
Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Subject: Reimbursement for Mental Health High Cost Placements Ordered by a Tribal Court

Document Summary

Under 2009 Wisconsin Act 318 the Legislature has authorized up to \$250,000 to fund high cost mental health placements of tribal members when county or tribal costs exceed \$50,000 annually and when the treatment services are ordered by a tribal court. This appropriation is continuing and available to eligible Tribes and/or counties for the current state fiscal year.

Background

2009 Wisconsin Act 318 authorized up to \$250,000 of tribal gaming revenues to fund high cost mental health placements of tribal members when county or tribal costs exceed \$50,000 annually. This appropriation is continuing and available for the current state fiscal year. These mental health placements must be ordered by a tribal court under tribal ordinances comparable to Chapter 51.20, the mental health commitment statute which authorizes circuit courts to commit individuals for mental health treatment. Funds for this special allocation are transferred to the Department of Health Services from unspent tribal gaming funds for the period ending June 30, 2012.

The expenses for treatment costs can be incurred and claimed by either a tribe or a county department of human services, community programs or social services. Funding up to \$250,000 is available for eligible expenses incurred during the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Expenditures for the cost of mental health placements must exceed \$50,000 during this time period.

Criteria on use of these funds

The criteria for the use of these funds include:

1. Any member of an Indian Tribe or band who has been court ordered for mental health placement by a tribal court.
2. Placements eligible to be considered for reimbursement under this Act must be made for the primary purpose of mental health treatment. This could include individuals who are developmentally disabled or who have a co-occurring substance abuse diagnosis.
3. The county or tribe may request reimbursement after the total annual expenditure for allowable services has exceeded \$50,000.
4. The placements must be ordered by the Tribal Court under tribal ordinances comparable to Chapter 51.20 to be eligible for reimbursement.

Action Summary

To apply for these funds please fill out the enclosed form (<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forms/F0/f00301.doc>) and submit the form to Sarah Coyle , DMHSAS, PO Box 7851, Madison WI, 53707 or email to Sarah.Coyle@wisconsin.gov. All requests for reimbursement from this funding source must be submitted by May 30, 2012. If requests for funding exceed available funds, allocations will be pro-rated based on total approved funding requests.

Up to \$250,000 may be available again for SFY 13 for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 based on availability of tribal gaming revenues. If this funding is available, instructions for applying for these funds will be shared in the spring 2013. The criteria for the use of those funds will be similar to the criteria this year.

Attachment – Form to Claim High Cost Funds

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