

**PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES**

CHS ELDERLY CARE PLAN

The CHS program offers additional benefits to those Ponca Tribal members who are age 65 and over who meet the following criteria:

QUALIFICATIONS:

You must be age 65 & over

- All alternate resources will be exhausted before authorization of services (i.e. Medicare, Medicaid or Insurance) If denied from Medicaid, you must submit the denial letter to the CHS office.
- If you choose not to take out Medicare Part B (medical coverage) or Part D (prescription drug coverage), you will not be eligible for primary care or prescription benefits through CHS. You will be referred to an IHS facility for these services.
- For those members who have private Insurance, CHS will pay for deductibles and co-pays/co-insurance.
- You are eligible for those services that are offered to all members regardless of your coverage. For example, if you do not have Medicare Part D (prescription drug coverage) and you access the emergency room for a life threatening illness and require medication, CHS WILL cover your medication on a one time basis only.

Important Notice: Medicare beneficiaries are penalized 10% each year for Part B and 1% each month for Part D if they opt not to enroll into Part B/D at the time they become eligible for the benefits.

Disabled

- Prescription co-payment coverage ONLY if the member is covered by Medicaid and/or Medicare because of disability – Proof will be requested)

SERVICES:

Medical

- May utilize a local (non-IHS) provider, CHS will cover the cost of the deductible and co-payments after Medicare has paid their portion. Prior approval is required.
- If member has both Medicare and Private Insurance, CHS will cover the cost of the deductible and co-payments after Medicare and Private Insurance has paid their portion

Prescriptions

- If prescribed medication from a primary care provider, CHS will cover the cost of the medication after the member's primary resource. This will include deductible or co-pays.
- CHS requires that generic brands be utilized when available, and that the member makes every effort to obtain a cost effective medication.