

State of Alaska
Eligibility Conditions and Requirements

Medicaid furnished in Canada

Medicaid is furnished to an eligible individual who is a resident of the State when the individual resides in a community that has convenient road access to Canadian medical providers and has no access to U.S. medical providers other than by chartered airplane when:

1. MEDICAL SERVICES ARE NEEDED BECAUSE OF AN EMERGENCY

"A medical emergency exists when a recipient has a severe, life-threatening, or potentially disabling condition that requires intervention within minutes or hours."

2. THE STATE DETERMINES THAT THE NECESSARY MEDICAL SERVICES ARE MORE READILY AVAILABLE AND OF EQUAL OR LESS COST WHEN PROVIDED IN CANADA.

The State will establish procedures to facilitate the furnishing of medical services to individuals who are living in such a community and who are eligible to receive Medicaid under the State plan.

REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURE

In order for the Department of Health and Social Services to reimburse Canadian providers:

1. The provider must have a signed agreement with the Department.
2. The provider must bill in the U.S. exchange rate in effect on the date when the service was provided.
3. The provider must satisfy equivalent licensing requirements as those in effect in Alaska.
4. The provider must satisfy all Medicaid conditions of participation.
5. The provider is subject to the same utilization and control standards as in Alaska.

To be reimbursed, billing claims must be submitted within six months of the date of service.

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