

Tribal Shared Savings

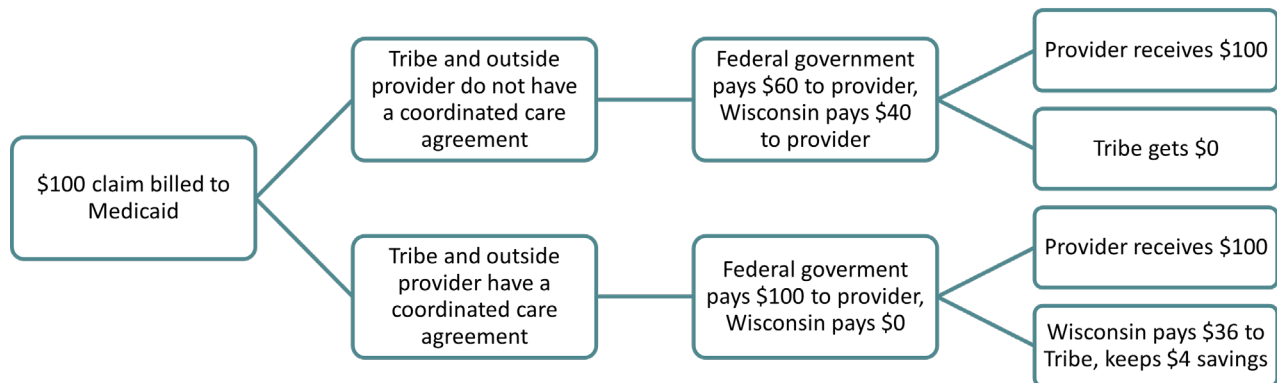
Increased access to care. Strengthened continuity of care. Improved population health.

Tribal Shared Savings is a new Department of Health Services (DHS) initiative expected to save Wisconsin's Medicaid budget about **\$11 million per year**. Most of the savings, 90%, will be shared with the Tribes to better deliver high-quality health care. These funds may be used to expand services, hire additional practitioners, update technology infrastructure, and more. Tribal Shared Savings applies to billable Medicaid services provided to people who are American Indians or Alaskan Natives (AI/AN) referred to outside providers by Tribal Federally Qualified Health Centers (Tribal FQHCs).

Here's how it works

When a Tribal FQHC refers a Medicaid-eligible patient to an outside provider, the service is paid for by DHS using approximately **60% federal funding** and **40% state funding**. Through Tribal Shared Savings, Tribal FQHCs can enter into a care coordination agreement with outside providers to make available services not offered at their clinic. Once the agreements are in place, **federal funding covers 100%**, meaning the state saves the 40% of the cost they would have paid. Of that savings, the state will keep 10% for administrative costs and pass the remaining 90% to the Tribal FQHC.

Let's look at an example based on a medical bill of \$100. A patient is seen at one of Wisconsin's 12 Tribal FQHCs and then is referred to an outside Medicaid provider. The outside provider bills Medicaid for the services rendered.



Benefits to outside providers

The additional funding allows for more medical services to become available to Tribal members (and potentially serve more members), with the goal of better health outcomes. It will allow the state to reallocate millions of dollars to Tribal FQHCs to improve Tribal health care.

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