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General Comment

I am a contractor for Chemawa Indian Health Center in Salem, Or. We serve native youth off site in a specialty provider capacity. In order to be able to serve this population, we transport the students to our farm in Canby, OR. Transportation is not provided by the school which means that we pay First Student nearly \$500.00 per trip to and from the school. Without the ability to charge fees that cover the cost of transportation we would not be able to provide the service requested. I strongly request and support the application of medicare like fees to medical services through CHS. However, I am also in agreement with those who feel it is imperative that if the rates are lowered to match those of medicare that a provision for additional funds for transportation be included in the bill.

Thank you,

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