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Updates from Tribal Reps

- Charge of the Workgroup

  - Proposed Rule for Expanding “Medicare-like” Rates for Non-Hospital Based Care
  - PRC Distribution Formula for Program Increases

- Challenges
  - Proposed Rule as written
  - Changes to PRC Distribution Formula
Voting Item 1

- Expanding “Medicare-like” Rates for Non-Hospital Based Care – as written

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<td>Savings for PRC budgets</td>
<td>No discretion for I/T/U to negotiate higher rates</td>
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<td>No requirement for provider participation</td>
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<td>Constraints could impact the delivery of patient care when provider/supplier refuses to accept rate</td>
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Voting Item 2

• Changing PRC Distribution Formula – current proposed options

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<td>Original formula benefits California because there are no hospitals</td>
<td>• Proposed options for measures in the PRC formula would have a negative impact on PRC funding in California</td>
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