

Director's Workgroup on Improving Purchased/Referred Care (PRC)

*Formerly Contract Health Services (CHS)
Workgroup*



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Updates from Tribal Reps

- **Charge of the Workgroup**
- **Denver Meeting – January 14-15, 2015**
 - **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

PROS	CONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Savings for PRC budgets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No discretion for I/T/U to negotiate higher rates• No requirement for provider participation• Constraints could impact the delivery of patient care when provider/supplier refuses to accept rate• No CMS Oversight

Voting Item 2

- **Changing PRC Distribution Formula – current proposed options**

PROS	CONS
Original formula benefits California because there are no hospitals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposed options for measures in the PRC formula would have a negative impact on PRC funding in California