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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Indian Health Service

**RIN 0917–AA23**

### Reimbursement Rates for Calendar Year 2024

**AGENCY:** Indian Health Service, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is provided that the Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS) has approved the rates for inpatient and outpatient medical care provided by the IHS facilities for Calendar Year 2024.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

The Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS), under the authority of sections 321(a) and 322(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 248 and 249(b)), Public Law 83–568 (42 U.S.C. 2001(a)), and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*), has approved the following rates for inpatient and outpatient medical care provided by IHS facilities for Calendar Year 2024 for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, beneficiaries of other federal programs, and for recoveries under the Federal Medical Care Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. 2651–2653). The inpatient rates for Medicare Part A are excluded from the table below. That is because Medicare inpatient payments for IHS hospital facilities are made based on the prospective payment system, or (when IHS facilities are designated as Medicare Critical Access Hospitals) on a reasonable cost basis. Since the inpatient per diem rates set forth below do not include all physician services and practitioner services, additional payment shall be available to the extent that those services are provided.

*Inpatient Hospital Per Diem Rate (Excludes Physician/Practitioner Services)*

Calendar Year 2024

Lower 48 States: \$5,083.

Alaska: \$4,326.

*Outpatient per Visit Rate (Excluding Medicare)*

Calendar Year 2024

Lower 48 States: \$719.

Alaska: \$1,060.

*Outpatient per Visit Rate (Medicare)*

Calendar Year 2024

Lower 48 States: \$667.

Alaska: \$961.

*Medicare Part B Inpatient Ancillary Per Diem Rate*

Calendar Year 2024

Lower 48 States: \$963.

Alaska: \$1,341.

*Outpatient Surgery Rate (Medicare)*

Established Medicare rates for freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Centers.

Effective Date for Calendar Year 2024 Rates

Consistent with previous annual rate revisions, the Calendar Year 2024 rates will be effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2024, to the extent consistent with payment authorities, including the applicable Medicaid State plan.

**Roselyn Tso,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket Number: USCG–2023–0922]

### Designation of the New England Commission of Higher Education as a Designated Entity and Appointment of Dr. Amy Donahue as a Member of the Commission

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard announces the designation of the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) as a designated non-federal entity for the purposes of participation in its management by an authorized Coast Guard employee. Dr. Amy Donahue, the Provost of the Coast Guard Academy, has been authorized to serve as a member of NECHE to provide oversight of, advice to, and coordination with, NECHE. Dr. Donahue will not participate in the day-to-day operations of NECHE.

**DATES:** The designation and authorization are effective on November 21, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG–2023–0922 in the search box and click “Search.” Next, in the Document Type column, select “Supporting & Related Material.”

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on this notice, call or email Commander Jeffrey G. Janaro, Coast Guard Academy, telephone 860–444–8255, email [jeff.g.janaro@uscg.mil](mailto:jeff.g.janaro@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Coast Guard announces the designation of the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) as a “designated entity” under 10 U.S.C. 1589 and 1033. The Coast Guard also announces the participation of the Coast Guard Academy Provost Dr. Amy Donahue in the management of the entity as a Commissioner. Sections 1589 and 1033 allow the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to specify certain non-federal entities as “designated entities” in which a member of the armed forces or a civilian employee may be authorized to participate in a specific capacity. The Secretary delegated this authority to the Commandant of the Coast Guard through the Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 00170.1, Revision No. 01.3 (paragraph II.14).

A “designated entity” must meet the requirements of 10 U.S.C. 1033. In relevant part, section 1033 requires an entity to be a non-profit organization and perform one of the statutorily enumerated functions, including accreditation of service academies and other schools of the armed forces. NECHE is a voluntary non-government association that provides accreditation to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Therefore, NECHE is an entity that may be designated under 10 U.S.C. 1033 and, in turn, 10 U.S.C. 1589.

Section 1589 also allows the Secretary concerned to authorize an employee, including a civilian officer, to participate, without compensation, in the management of a designated entity for the purposes of oversight, advice to, and coordination with that designated entity. An employee’s participation may not extend to the day to day operations of the entity. The Coast Guard Academy announces the authorization of Dr. Amy Donahue, the Provost of the Coast Guard Academy, to participate in the management of NECHE within limits of 10 U.S.C. 1033 and 10 U.S.C. 1589. Specifically, and in