



**U.S. Immigration
and Customs
Enforcement**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Health Care Facilities and Independent Providers

FROM: Dr. Stewart D. Smith, CCHP, FACHE
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ICE Health Service Corps

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Stewart D. Smith".

SUBJECT: Release of Medical Payment Authorization Request
(MedPAR) or Referral Information for Payment

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Health Service Corps (IHSC) is the agency's medical authority. IHSC pays for medical services provided to the detainee while in ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), ICE Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) custody. IHSC insures detainees in ICE custody under Title 18, Part III, Chapter 301, Section 4006 of the U.S. Code; benefits must not exceed Medicare reimbursement rates.

IHSC aims to ensure independent providers who provide care in local hospitals and health care systems, such as emergency room physicians, radiologists, and anesthesiologists, receive payment for services rendered. The hospital and the independent providers who provide care during emergent, urgent, or inpatient care must submit the same MedPAR authorization number on their respective claim when seeking reimbursement for ICE detainees' medical care.

IHSC requests health care facilities provide copies of the MedPAR, with the authorization number for payment, to the independent providers who rendered the authorized services. Health care facilities, along with the independent providers, must submit the MedPAR with their claim to the Department of Veteran Affairs Financial Services Center. Providing the independent provider with a copy of the MedPAR helps ensure authorization and timely payment of their claim for services provided at your health care facility.

Please contact your local U.S. Border Patrol point of contact, IHSC Field Medical Coordinator, IHSC Managed Care Coordinator, IHSC Referral Coordinator, or the IHSC Medical Claims Program, MedicalClaims@ice.dhs.gov, with any questions or concerns.