



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**California Area ITU Virtual Training**  
**May 17 – May 26, 2021**

**Training times by time zone**

<b>Morning</b>	9:30 AM (PT)	10:30 AM (MT)	11:30 AM (CT)	12:30 PM (ET)
<b>Afternoon</b>	1:30 PM (PT)	2:30 PM (MT)	3:30 PM (CT)	4:30 PM (ET)

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is committed to helping the Indian Health Service (IHS), Tribal Health Programs, and Urban Indian Programs (ITU) to maximize their ability to access third party resources. To meet this objective, CMS, in partnership with the States, the Social Security Administration, the California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB) and IHS, provides training on the programs and benefits available through Medicare, Medicaid, and the Health Insurance Marketplace.

The target audience for the CMS ITU trainings is:

- Business Office staff
- Benefits Coordinators
- Patient Registration staff
- Billing and Coding staff

Topics at a glance:

- CMS Tribal Affairs Updates
- Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security
- Coding, PRC, and much more.

**Schedule At A Glance:**

***Monday, May 17, 2021***

- 12:30 PM (ET) – **Division of Tribal Affairs** (*Georgey Sparks and Cynthia Lemesh* – Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) **and Outreach and Enrollment** (*Kristen Bitsue* – National Indian Health Board)
- 4:30 PM (ET) – **Medicare Updates** (*Dickon Chan* – Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services)

***Tuesday, May 18, 2021***

- 12:30 PM (ET) – **Medicare/Medicaid Fraud and Compliance** (*Morning Dawn Johnson* – HHS Office of Inspector General San Francisco Regional Office)
- 4:30 PM (ET) – **Social Security and Disability 101** (*Wanda Gonzales* – Social Security Administration)

***Wednesday, May 19, 2021***

- 12:30 PM (ET) – **Medi-Cal Managed Care and Tribal FQHC Provider Type** (*Andrea Zubiata* – Department of Health Care Services)
- 4:30 PM (ET) – **Medi-Cal Dental Billing** (*Trevor Miller, DMD* – Med-Cal Dental Program)

***Thursday, May 20, 2021***

- 12:30 PM (ET) – **New Evaluation & Management Guidelines for 2021** (*Kristina Rogers* – Nashville Area Office, Indian Health Program)
- 4:30 PM (ET) – **HIPAA & Compliance – Doing the Right Thing!** (*Elizabeth Bitsilly* – California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc. (CRIHB))

***Monday, May 24, 2021***

- 12:30 PM (ET) – **Front Desk Procedures** (*Merin McCabe* – California Area Indian Health Service)
- 4:30 PM (ET) – **Revenue Cycle Management** (*Merin McCabe* – California Area Indian Health Service)

***Tuesday, May 25, 2021***

- 12:30 PM (ET) – **Medi-Cal Tribal FQHC (Operational)** (*Rosario Arreola Pro* – California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc. (CRIHB))
- 4:30 PM (ET) – **Tribal Medicaid Administrative Activities (TMAA) Administrative Activities** (*Nicamer Tolentino and Nynalee Lee* – California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc. (CRIHB))



**Wednesday, May 26, 2021**

- 12:30 PM (ET) – **Indian Health 101** (*Toni Johnson* – California Area Indian Health Service)
- 4:30 PM (ET) – **Purchased and Referred Care 101** (*Toni Johnson* – California Area Indian Health Service)

## **CEUs**

You will receive 1 CEU from AAPC (American Academy of Professional Coders) for each webinar you attend for up to a maximum of 14 CEU's for the virtual training series.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You will need to participate in the full webinar and not log off early to receive the CEU certificate. A link will be sent to an online evaluation form to complete after each webinar. Your feedback is important to help us improve.

- Participants who complete the evaluation within 24 hours of receipt, will receive their CEU(s) certificate by the next business day.
- Evaluations completed outside of the initial 24-hour timeframe will be awarded the CEU certificate(s) 3 business days after this training ends.
- Lastly, an overall evaluation form will be sent at the end of the training about the overall experience.

**Please register at: <https://regionalcmsitustrainings.com/>**

## **How to join a Webex:**

Please [click here](#) for details on how to join a Webex. **Please download and test application a minimum of 48 hours prior to the webinar.**

## **Program contact information:**

Cynthia Lemesh  
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
415-744-3571  
[cynthia.lemesh@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:cynthia.lemesh@cms.hhs.gov)

Georgey Sparks  
CMS Division of Tribal Affairs/CAHPG/CMCS  
410-786-4608  
[georgeline.sparks@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:georgeline.sparks@cms.hhs.gov)

Toni Johnson  
Indian Health Service – California Area  
916-930-3981, ext. 354  
[toni.johnson@ihs.gov](mailto:toni.johnson@ihs.gov)

**Registration contact information:**  
[cmsitustrainings@octanepublicrelations.com](mailto:cmsitustrainings@octanepublicrelations.com)

Nicamer Tolentino, MPH  
California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc. (CRIHB)  
916-286-7233  
[ntolentino@crihb.org](mailto:ntolentino@crihb.org)

Rachel Ryan Pedersen  
CMS Division of Tribal Affairs/CAHPG/CMCS  
443-934-2740  
[rachel.ryanpedersen@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:rachel.ryanpedersen@cms.hhs.gov)