



# Peoria Tribe

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### Policies and Procedures

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## **Program Description**

The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma has established a program to aid the elderly population that could benefit from an additional funding source to supplement their households, and/or disability needs, without restricting or interfering with other government programs.

The Elder Care and Disability Reimbursement Program (ECDRP) will make available up to \$1500 per fiscal year (April 1st- March 31st) for eligible tribal members. Each eligible tribal member may only choose from one program to receive reimbursement, being limited to 3 requests for services per fiscal year, not to exceed maximum total of \$1500. All denied benefits will be reviewed by a 3 person Review Committee comprised of the Chief and 2 accounting staff members. Individuals will not be permitted to receive benefits as both “elderly” and “disabled.” **Applicants may only utilize one program.**

## **Qualifications Criteria:**

- Individual must be a **current enrolled living member** of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, evidenced by Tribal Enrollment Card to receive benefits.
- Eligible tribal member must be **65 years or older**, evidenced by a Photo I.D. to receive benefits.
- Eligible **adult** tribal member must provide an award letter or benefit statement from the Social Security Administration (dated within last 90 days), to receive disability benefits. **No other proof of disability will be accepted.**
- Minors or other disabled individuals already receiving Disability Social Security or SSI benefits payable to a representative payee, will be eligible for tribal reimbursement program. All payments will be made to the **representative payee** as designated on SSI records. **Minors not receiving SSI benefits must have documentation of state or federal Determination of Disability to receive reimbursement.**

## **Eligibility for Reimbursement:**

- An approved application **signed by applicant or legal representative** must be on file. A new application is to be submitted each fiscal year.
- Submission date of the application will be the date the application is received at the Tribal office.
- **ORIGINAL RECEIPT(s) (not copies)** must be sent to the tribal office, and be dated within the fiscal year of application date.
- All receipts must show date and amount of transaction with description of product(s) and services.
- All receipts must come from the vendor or service provider, contain the vendor's contact information, and a detailed summary of product(s) and services.
- Eligibility for both programs cease upon tribal member's death.

## **Eligible Expenses:**

### **Insurance and Taxes:**

- Life Insurance
- Home Owner's Insurance
- Automotive Insurance
- Healthcare Insurance
- Personal Content Insurance for renters
- Property Tax

**Note: ALL insurance/proof of ownership of property must be in the name of the eligible tribal member to qualify for payment.**

### **Utilities:**

- Electric
- Natural gas
- Propane
- Water
- Trash services
- Telephone services
- Rent
- Mortgage Payments

**Note: ALL utilities must be in the name of the eligible tribal member to qualify for payment.**

### **Health Care Expense:**

- Prescription eye glasses
- Dentures
- Medical Alert Service
- Prescription medication
- Health care deductibles
- Physician prescribed ambulatory product (wheelchair, cane, walker)
- Hearing aids
- Miscellaneous items prescribed by a physician

**Note: ALL prescriptions and deductibles must be in the name of the eligible tribal member to qualify for payment.**