



Urban Indian Registration in RPMS – Documentation of Tribal Codes

FACT SHEET

This document is intended as a brief overview of documentation of tribal codes for consistent registration of eligible Urban Indians in RPMS and Non-RPMS systems by urban Indian organizations (UIO).

Whether the UIO is using the IHS RPMS software or commercial-off-the-shelf software, it is recommended that all UIOs use the IHS Standard Code Book Table for “Tribe,” <https://www.ihs.gov/scb/>. The table can be downloaded for quick reference. This is necessary for consistency in the information received at the National Data Warehouse (NDW) for user population and workload.

It is not appropriate to LEAVE THE TRIBE FIELD BLANK, use OTHER, or use NOT REPORTED.

RECOMMENDED USE OF TRIBE CODES:

For Urban Indians who are members of Federally-recognized Tribes, use the appropriate code for that Tribe in the IHS Standard Code Book referenced above. For all other eligible Urban Indians, use the codes as explained below.

000 - Non-Indian (and Non-Federally Recognized)

- Use for any non-Indian client, i.e., anyone who is not an eligible Urban Indian, and services provided with funds from sources other than IHS
- Use for any members and descendants of Canadian Tribes who are not otherwise eligible Urban Indians
- This field should not be used by UIO for services provided with IHS funding, which can only be used to serve eligible Urban Indians; such services should be coded under the Specific Tribe’s code or one of the codes below, not under this field

997 - Indian Non-Tribal Member

- Use for 1st or 2nd degree descendant of a member of a Federally-recognized Tribe
- Use for any self-identified Urban Indian until eligibility can be verified, then change to specific Tribe's code

999 - Indian Tribe Unspecified

- Use for any member, or 1st or 2nd degree descendant, of a Tribe recognized by the State where the Tribe is located
- Use for any member, or 1st or 2nd degree descendant, of any other tribe, band, or other organized group of Indians terminated since 1940