



CENTRAL COUNCIL  
*Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*  
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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA  
Eighty-First Annual Tribal Assembly  
April 20-22, 2016  
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA/ 16-03

Title: Extend 100 Percent Federal Match to Urban Indian Health Programs

By: Seattle Tlingit and Haida Community Council

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 30,000 tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, Central Council's tribal citizens reside in villages and urban communities throughout the United States and rely on the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Urban Indian Health Programs (UIHP) for medical services; and

WHEREAS, the current Medicaid statute provides that a 100 percent federal match rate applies to all services provided to American Indians and Alaskan Natives (AI/AN) for Medicaid services received through the IHS facility, whether operated by IHS or an Indian tribe or tribal organization, but excludes urban Indian health programs; and

WHEREAS, a large proportion of UIHP patients utilize Medicaid as payment, and UIHPs that provide Medicaid services are reimbursed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services by a combination of federal and state dollars whose rates are determined by statute and vary by state; and

WHEREAS, many states, seeking to balance their budgets, are cutting Medicaid coverage and funding, which hurts AI/AN people by reducing the number of patients, their quality of care and the amount of money coming into UIHP programs; and

WHEREAS, the United States President's FY2017 budget proposal resolves this issue and provides enhanced care for our tribal citizens residing in, or visiting, urban areas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eighty-First Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 20 - 22, 2016, support the efforts to extend the 100% Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for Urban Indian Health Programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Central Council President and Executive Council will send letters in support of the change and in support of the United States President's FY2017 budget proposals to resolve the issue.

ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2016, by the Eighty-First Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

**CERTIFY**

  
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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

  
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Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe