



CENTRAL COUNCIL  
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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA  
Eighty-Sixth Annual Tribal Assembly  
October 1, 2021  
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA 21-06

Title: Support for Congressional Legislation to Extend Federal Match to Urban Indian Organizations

By: Seattle Tlingit & Haida Community Council

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 32,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida's citizens reside in villages and urban communities throughout the United States and rely on the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Urban Indian Organizations (UIO) 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 an IHS facility, whether operated by IHS or an Indian tribe or tribal organization, but excludes UIO; and

WHEREAS, a large proportion of UIO patients utilize Medicaid as payment and UIOs 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, H.R.1373: Urban Indian Health Parity Act and H.R.1888: Improving Access to Indian Health Services Act to require a federal medical assistance percentage of 100 percent for UIOs, and for other purposes resolves this issue and provides enhanced care for our citizens residing in, or visiting, urban areas;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Sixth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened October 1, 2021, hereby supports the passage and enactment of H.R.1373: Urban Indian Health Parity Act and H.R.1888: Improving Access to Indian Health Services Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tlingit & Haida President shall send letters in support of the bills to the Alaska delegation in Washington, D.C.

ADOPTED this 1st day of October 2021, by the Eighty-Sixth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

**CERTIFY**

  
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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

  
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Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe