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Executive Council of the Central Council
TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

Resolution EC 25-64

Title: Support for Congressional Legislation to Permanently Authorize the Federal Match to Urban Indian Organizations

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 38,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, under Article X of the Tlingit & Haida Constitution, the Executive Council is the governing body of Tlingit & Haida when the Tribal Assembly is not in session; and

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WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida's citizens reside in villages and urban communities throughout the United States and rely on the Indian Health Service (IHS) and Urban Indian Organizations (UIO) for medical services; and

WHEREAS, the current Medicaid statute provides that a 100% federal match rate for state expenditures 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; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act temporarily extended the 100% federal medical assistance percentage to UIOs for eight quarters; 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 (CMS) by a combination of federal and state dollars whose rates are determined by statute and vary by state; and

WHEREAS, a permanent authorization of the 100% federal match rate for UIOs would help address the chronic underfunding of the 41 Urban Indian Health Programs located in 22 states; and

WHEREAS, extending a 100% federal match would benefit states by generating savings to state general funds; and

WHEREAS, permanent authorization of the 100% federal match rate for UIOs would support AI/AN access to culturally-attuned healthcare and improve healthcare outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the federal trust and treaty responsibilities for the provision of healthcare for AI/ANs must be upheld for AI/ANs residing in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, in October 2024, CMS approved Section 1115 Demonstration Waivers for four states, Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Oregon, to authorize the reimbursement through Medicaid of Traditional healing services; and

WHEREAS, CMS authorized Medicaid reimbursement for Traditional healing services provided at IHS clinics, Tribal clinics, and UIOs; and

WHEREAS, without a 100% match rate, states will be required to cover a percentage of the cost related to providing Traditional healing services to AI/AN Medicaid recipients receiving services at UIOs; and

WHEREAS, states have the discretion not to include UIOs when submitting their own 1115 Demonstration Waivers; and

WHEREAS, a 100% match rate for UIOs would render UIO inclusion in state frameworks budget-neutral, increasing the likelihood that states would include UIOs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby supports the permanent extension of the federal match to Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tlingit & Haida President shall send letters in support of permanent extension of the federal match to UIOs to the Alaska, Washington, and California delegations in Washington, D.C.

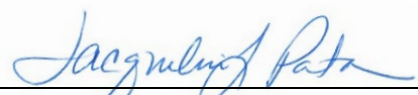
ADOPTED this 16th day of May 2025, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 0 absences.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata