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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA  
Eighty-Eighth Annual Tribal Assembly  
April 19-21, 2023  
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA 23-13

Title: Request to SEARHC to Provide Hearing Aids and Eye Glasses at No Cost to Beneficiaries

By: Delegate Patricia Alexander

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 35,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) does not currently provide hearing aids or eye glasses to beneficiaries without health insurance; and

WHEREAS, many of our lifeways and the jobs in Alaska that our tribal citizens do are dangerous if the employee cannot hear or see well; and

WHEREAS, SEARHC paying for some or all of a beneficiary's hearing aids and eye glasses would make their work and life much safer; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida appreciates the services provided by SEARHC at all their facilities, however, this gaping hole by requiring beneficiaries to have health insurance to pay for hearing aids and eye glasses must be addressed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Eighth Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened April 19-21, 2023, hereby encourages the SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) to re-evaluate its budgets to allow SEARHC to provide hearing aids and eye glasses at no cost to beneficiaries.

ADOPTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023, by the Eighty-Eighth Tribal Assembly of the 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 Jacqueline L. Pata