



RESOLUTION # 05-03-08

Support for the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board to Conduct Medicaid Roundtable

NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

Burns-Paiute Tribe
Chehalis Tribe
Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Colville Tribe
Coos, Suislaw &
Lower Umpqua Tribe
Coquille Tribe
Cow Creek Tribe
Cowlitz Tribe
Grand Ronde Tribe
Hoh Tribe
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Kalispel Tribe
Klamath Tribe
Kootenai Tribe
Lower Elwha Tribe
Lummi Tribe
Makah Tribe
Muckleshoot Tribe
Nez Perce Tribe
Nisqually Tribe
Nooksack Tribe
NW Band of Shoshoni Tribe
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
Puyallup Tribe
Quileute Tribe
Quinalt Tribe
Samish Indian Nation
Sauk-Suiattle Tribe
Shoalwater Bay Tribe
Shoshone-Bannock Tribe
Siletz Tribe
Skokomish Tribe
Snoqualmie Tribe
Spokane Tribe
Squaxin Island Tribe
Stillaguamish Tribe
Suquamish Tribe
Swinomish Tribe
Tulalip Tribe
Umatilla Tribe
Upper Skagit Tribe
Warm Springs Tribe
Yakama Nation

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) is a tribal organization that has since 1972 represented forty three Federally-recognized Indian tribes in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho on health related issues; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board is dedicated to assisting and promoting the health needs and concerns of Indian people; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the NPAIHB is to improve the health and quality of life of its member tribes; and

WHEREAS, state Medicaid programs are this Country's largest health care program and has increasingly become more important to the Indian Health Service (IHS) and Tribal health programs; and

WHEREAS, many states continue to experience deficits and have cut Medicaid services in order to balance state budgets; and

WHEREAS, the President's FY 2006 budget proposes cost reductions in the Medicaid program and the 109th Congress have also proposed Medicaid cuts in the FY 2006 Budget Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, state governors, legislators, executive agencies are deliberating reforming the Medicaid program in order to meet the growing needs of uninsured and underinsured that include developing mechanisms that will allow states to cut costs and reduce the long term costs of administering the program; and

WHEREAS, any Medicaid reform efforts must consider the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native participation in the Medicaid program; and the role of IHS and Tribal health systems must be considered when delivering health services in the Medicaid program; and

WHEREAS, a national roundtable meeting would allow Indian health and Medicaid experts, Tribal leaders, and health directors to engage in a dialogue in order to develop Medicaid reform principles and strategies for the Indian health system, evaluate current reform initiatives and their impact on the I/T/U, and provide recommendations to state governors, the Administration, and CMS as Medicaid reform moves forward.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NPAIHB Board of Directors supports the Board in facilitating a national Indian Health Roundtable on Medicaid Reform.

CERTIFICATION

NO. 05-03-08

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the regular session of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. A quorum being present and voting; 29 for, 0 against, 0 abstain on April 21st, 2005.

Renee Capaeman-Fallon
Chairman

April 21, 2005
Date

Stella M. Washburn
Secretary