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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA  
Eighty-Third Annual Tribal Assembly  
April 18-20, 2018  
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA 18-12

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

By: Seattle Tlingit & Haida Community Council

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

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida'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 an HIS facility, whether operated by HIS 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 Urban Indian Health Parity Act (H.R.4443 and S.2146) 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-Third Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 18-20, 2018, hereby supports the passage and enactment of the Urban Indian Health Parity Act (H.R.4443 and S2146); and

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


ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018, by the Eighty-Third 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