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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA
Eighty-Ninth Annual Tribal Assembly
April 17-19, 2024
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA 24-09

Title: Expanding Medicaid for Our Future

By: Anchorage 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 37,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's children deserve continued access to high quality healthcare regardless of their families' ability to cover the costs; and

WHEREAS, the backlog for renewing Medicaid applications creates delays in care for those that may need it most; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, more than 35% of Alaska's population, 264,000 people, were covered under Alaska's Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program; and

WHEREAS, there are some upfront benefits of having regular access to healthcare services that are used, such as regular screenings, early prevention strategies for health-care issues, and regular visits to a provider that conducts screenings for physical health, mental health and other family risks; and

WHEREAS, the out-of-pocket costs for healthcare services can be an additional barrier for families in having access to healthcare; and

WHEREAS, not all Alaska communities have continued access to preventive healthcare services, creating additional barriers for those with health insurance to receive care; and

WHEREAS, some public schools offer physicals and wellness checks as a fee for service option, and this should be a Medicaid covered visit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Ninth Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened April 17-19, 2024, hereby requests the state of Alaska to expand Medicaid coverage to all children in Alaska from birth to age 18;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Tlingit & Haida requests the Alaska congressional delegation support the health of our children by providing federal matching funds to Alaska for this expanded Medicaid coverage.

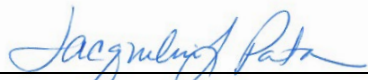
ADOPTED this 17th day of April, 2024, by the Eighty-Ninth Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata