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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA
Eighty-Fifth Annual Tribal Assembly
October 1, 2020
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA 20-13

Title: Support for Congressional Legislation to Extend the 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 32,000 tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida's 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 (UIHPs) 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 IHS facility, whether operated by IHS or an Indian tribe or tribal organization, but excludes UIHPs; and

WHEREAS, a large portion 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, quality of care, and the amount of money coming into UIHP programs; and

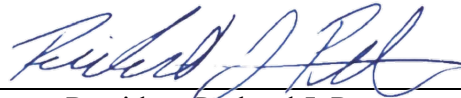
WHEREAS, S.1180-Urban Indian Health Parity Act and H.R.2316-To Amend Title XIX of the Social Security Act to require a Federal medical assistance percentage of 100 percent for urban Indian organizations, and for other purposes, resolves this issue and provides enhanced care for our citizens residing in, or visiting, urban areas;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened on October 1, 2020, hereby supports the passage and enactment of S.1180- Urban Indian Health Parity Act and H.R. 2316-To Amend Title XIX of the Social Security Act to require a Federal medical assistance percentage of 100 percent for urban Indian organizations, and for other purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida shall send letters in support of these bills to the Alaska congressional delegation.

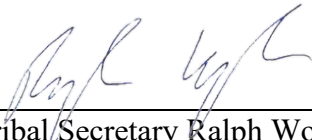
ADOPTED this 1st day of October 2020, by the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe