



Legislative Action Alert

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INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT NOW PART OF SENATE HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL

UPDATE: IHCIA in Senate Health Care Bill

Over the weekend, Majority Leader Harry Reid released his manager's amendment to the Senate Health Care Reform bill, **which includes the IHCIA!**

The National Indian Health Board appreciates the support and efforts of Indian Country to contact Senators to build support for the inclusion of the IHCIA.

Call Senator Reid and Senator Dorgan to thank them for their work to include the IHCIA. Without their leadership, IHCIA would not be part of health care reform and possibly pass this year.

Next steps:

Today, the Senate voted to adopt the Manager's amendment so the IHCIA is officially part of the Senate health care reform bill.

The Senate still needs to clear a number of procedural votes as well as vote on final passage of the bill. Currently, the Senate is expected to vote on final passage late on Christmas Eve.

Call your Senators and let them know their vote is important to Indian Country.

A Vote For Health Care Reform Is A Vote For A Healthy Indian Country.

Call: **Capitol Switch Board (202) 224-3121.**

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