



# Legislative Action Alert

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Help Secure Needed Funds to Support Indian Country's  
Health Related Positions! ACT NOW!

**President Obama shifted his focus to the economy and jobs during his State of the Union address on Wednesday.** While health care reform is still a top issue, Congress will turn to legislation that will aim at creating jobs and growing the economy.

**The status of Indian Country?** Unemployment is at an average 50 percent and health care is lagging behind the rest of the country. Congress can provide funding that will **create jobs** and **improve health services** by funding increased **Contract Support Costs (CSC)**.

CSC payments are **critical** for tribes **to operate health facilities** across the country. A shortage of funds for CSC means that more funds from programs and services are used to cover fixed costs incurred by a tribe. This means fewer positions are filled and fewer services are provided by tribes. **An increase in CSC will result in more immediate positions being filled across Indian Country.**

The **National Tribal Contract Support Cost Coalition on Funding for Contract Support Costs** provided testimony to the *U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs* with their recommendation to seriously consider enhanced funding for "contract support costs" in jobs legislation.

**The Senate is preparing a Jobs bill and needs to hear from Indian Country!**

## **Action Needed Now:**

**Contact** your **Senator** and **Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Chairman Dorgan** and ask them to **include contract support cost funding in the new jobs bill!**

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