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Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) is in the House version of the Health Care Reform legislation – H.R. 3962

The House Speaker, Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), released the House version of the Health Care Reform legislation this morning and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) is contained in that bill! The House Bill, **H.R. 3962** and is attached to this communication.

The **Indian provisions** can be found at:

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Page 8 Section 545: Gross Income Exemption for American Indians

Page 1,636 Division D: Indian Health Care Improvement Act Reauthorization

The version of the IHCIA in health reform is the same as the IHCIA reauthorization in H.R. 2708 authored by Congressman Frank Pallone and is supported by Indian Country.

****NEWS**** CONGRESSMAN FRANK PALLONE (D-NJ) ADDED LANGUAGE TO THE HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL THAT WOULD MAKE REAUTHORIZATION PERMANENT!

Our Work is Not Done!!

House Members need to hear from all of us and all of your contacts and Member Tribes immediately! This bill will go to the House Floor- likely- **next week**.

Please contact your Representatives TODAY and let them know:

- You want them to **support** and **vote** for health care reform **H.R. 3962**
- The Indian Health Care Improvement Act is in the health care reform bill and you expect their full support for this **TOP PRIORITY FOR INDIAN COUNTRY**.
- The number to call: **Capitol Switch Board (202) 224-3121**

More information to follow - stay tuned – and please let me know who you have contacted on the Hill so we can follow up!

MIIGWECH – THANK YOU!

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