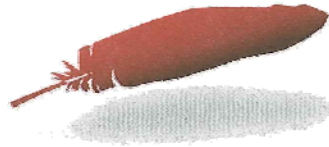


# National Indian Health Board



## LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY AGENDA FOR THE 111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS AND OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

- Implement NIHB Transition Recommendations consistent with NIHB Resolution
- Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA) – Passage within the first 100 days
- Economic stimulus package:
  - Include IHCA in package: Passage would create healthy workforce, create jobs through health professional recruitment and retention authorities, and through health facility construction and infrastructure
  - Health facility infrastructure
    - Hospitals and clinics
    - Youth and behavioral health residential treatment facilities
    - Long term care facilities
- Health Care Reform Legislation
  - Ensure Indian health delivery system is an integral component of any health care reform initiative through Tribal consultation, consistent with NIHB health care reform workgroup key principles
  - Ensure Tribal input on any proposals to reform the Indian Health Service
- Indian Health Appropriations
  - Protections from Appropriations Rescissions
  - Increase in Contract Support Costs
  - Increase in Contract Health Services
  - Increase in Health Care Facility construction
  - Appropriate funding of \$250 million (PEDFAR)
- Elder care issues
  - Complete comprehensive report on Long Term Care in Indian Country
  - Improve AI/AN access to existing Long Term Care home and community based programs and sources of funding



- Mental Health and Substance Abuse
  - SAMSHA reauthorization
  - Ensure Tribal set aside of SAMSHA grant funding
  - Create a statutory AI/AN specific grant program (similar to SDPI)
- Technical corrections to the Deficit Reduction Act (Medicaid)
  - Medicaid cost sharing exemptions
  - Tribal enrollment cards as proof of US citizenship
  - Ensure Tribal consultation in the development of State Plan amendments that provide greater flexibility and expansion of Medicaid services to Tribal communities
- Technical corrections to the Medicare Prescription Drug Act
  - Cost of prescription drugs provided by or through I/T/Us to count towards True out of pocket expenses for AI/ANs
- Childrens' issues:
  - SCHIP Reauthorization and Indian specific provisions
- Health professions/recruitment/scholarship:
  - Reauthorization of Title VII of the Public Health Service
- Health Disparities/Minority Health
- Veterans' Issues
  - Veteran's Affairs reimbursement to IHS/Tribal facilities for services provided to AI/AN veterans
- Enactment of Title VI of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA): expansion of ISDEAA to HHS programs