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Maintain cost-sharing protections for American Indians and Alaska Natives

- These protections were included for AI/ANs in fulfillment of Congress and the United States federal trust responsibility to provide health care to Indians.
- Section 1402(d) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) includes important and critical cost sharing protections for AI/ANs who have incomes at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty level, or who are referred for care through the IHS Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) program.
- These cost-sharing protections incentivize AI/ANs to sign up for health insurance and also makes it affordable.
- Eliminating them would create a disincentive for AI/AN to sign up for insurance, since they already have access to IHS services.
 - This would result in less third party reimbursements for the Indian health system and have a destabilizing effect on the system's ability to provide health care to AI/AN people.