

May 18, 2006

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RE: Proof of U.S. Citizenship for Medicaid (DRA Sec. 6036)

Dear Dr. McClellan:

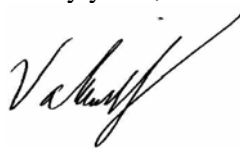
This is to follow-up on my letter of May 12, 2006 offering the Tribal Technical Advisory Group's recommendation that Indian tribal enrollment documents be accepted as proof of U.S. citizenship for purposes of complying with the citizenship requirement for Medicaid eligibility ordered in Sec. 6036 of the Deficit Reduction Act.

We understand that the Center for Medicaid and State Operations is interested in receiving the TTAG's recommendation on actual language regarding tribal enrollment documentation. We therefore propose the following language for consideration:

"A document issued by a Federally-recognized Indian tribe evidencing membership or enrollment in, or affiliation with, such tribe shall be accepted as proof of U.S. citizenship."

We urge CMS to accept this recommendation and to include this entry in its guidance memorandum to State Medicaid Plans.

Sincerely yours,



Valerie Davidson, Chair
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cc: Dr. Charles W. Grim, Director, IHS
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