**Tribal Leader Email or Publication Template**

**[Tribe with Tribal Clinic in State Expanding Medicaid]**

**Affordable Care Act**

[***Instructions****: Tribal leaders may use and customize this template for an article in their local newspaper or as an email to tribal citizens. The bracketed text provides instructions and/or text that may be customized for your community.*]

TEXT:

As the [*insert name of tribal leader and role*] of our tribe, I have a message for our tribal citizens about the opportunities available to us as [American Indians or Alaska Natives] under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The ACA provides opportunities for our tribal citizens to improve their health and to bring in resources to our tribal clinic.

Our state expanded Medicaid which means that individuals with a household income of $16,242 or less (family of 4, $33,465 or less) may qualify for free health insurance. There is no cost for premiums or co-pays for people who qualify for Medicaid. Medicaid Expansion covers a lot more people, including single adults. When you come to our clinic for a Purchased Referred Care (PRC) authorization, we will be asking you to apply and see if you qualify for the Medicaid program if you do not have other insurance.

Each state has a Marketplace where people can get insurance and receive help to pay for premiums. It includes special benefits for enrolled members of federally recognized tribes, including shareholders of Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) Corporations, so that there are no co-pays or deductibles. Most people in our community will qualify for free or low cost insurance.

If you have health insurance, you and your family will still be able to use our tribal clinic at no cost. In addition, you will have access to more providers and services. To avoid having to pay for these additional services, you will need to know when and how you should obtain any required referrals from the clinic or PRC.

Our tribal clinic and our tribe will benefit from your health insurance. By signing up, our clinic can bill for the services provided to you and your family. This increased funding will help provide more programs and services to more people in our community.

Everyone is encouraged to find out the benefits available through the Marketplace. Our tribal clinic can help you to apply and enroll in health insurance. You may contact [*insert contact name & phone number*] to set up an appointment or you can connect to the Marketplace in our state through [*If you are in a state with a federally-facilitated Marketplace insert:* www.healthcare.gov] **[***If you are in a state with a state-based Marketplace insert website here*: [www.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_](http://www._______________)]

We are hosting an enrollment event on [*insert date*] from [*time frame*] and at [*location*]. For more information, contact *[insert contact name & phone number*].