

Tribal Health Reform Resource Center

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Tribal Healthcare Reform Newsletter

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The National Indian Health Board Tribal Healthcare Reform Newsletter provides a brief overview on NIHB's outreach and education activities in Indian Healthcare reform.

Your tribal healthcare reform resource. Go to [HERE](#) for more information.

Upcoming Dates

NIHOE Monthly Call

June 1, 2017

IHS Q&A Call/NIHB Webinars

Best Practices Call
June 20th, 2017

NIHB 8th Annual National Tribal Public Health Summit

June 6-8, 2017
Anchorage, AK

NIHB 34th Annual National Tribal Nations Health Conference

September 25-28th.
Seattle, WA

Stories for Health Tribal Communities

NIHB needs help to tell your stories of how Marketplace coverage, Medicaid, Medicare, or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) have helped our Native people to continue progress under the current administration!



NIHB is launching a storybanking campaign to record the positive stories of impact on Indian health for the last 8 years so we can continue the progress for #HealthyTribalCommunities everywhere.

Your personal information will not be shared in these stories and your identities will stay hidden! If you have any positive impact stories

[Submit Online Now!](#)

Please email Chawin 'Win' Reilly if you have any questions at Wreilly@nihb.org

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Medicaid Is Still Valuable!

Unemployed? Uninsured? Consider Medicaid: There are still health insurance coverage options for you!
In 2016 52% of nonelderly uninsured American Indians and Alaska Native (AI/AN) qualified for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

To date 32 states, included DC, have chosen to adopt Medicaid expansion in their state allowing them to offer coverage to more individuals than previously.

If you don't have a job or earn very little and you live in one of these states, you may qualify for Medicaid, which provides comprehensive coverage, typically without a premium and no cost-sharing or out of pocket costs for AI/ANs who utilize the Indian Health Service, Tribal Health Facility, or Urban Indian Organization.

Unlike marketplace coverage, there is no open enrollment period for Medicaid. You can apply anytime through your state Medicaid agency, healthcare.gov, state marketplace, or local Enrollment Assister.

Tip for Parents: If you claim children as your dependent on your taxes, it could affect their eligibility for health insurance coverage. Check with your state eligibility requirements.

Also remember, young people are allowed to stay on their parents plan until the age of 26. However, the day they turn 26 they are no longer covered through this method. Encourage your young people you know to consider alternative methods of health insurance coverage at this time including, Medicaid, the Health Insurance Marketplace, Employer based insurance, or private insurance.

NIHB and IHS to host a new call series: Best Practices in Indian Health!

Purpose: The webinar provides an opportunity for participants to learn about various benefits programs and for staff from the Indian Health Service, Tribes, Tribal Health Programs, Tribal Organizations, and Urban Indian Health Programs to share best practices related to benefits education, assistance and outreach to AI/ANs.

Intended Audience: Patient registration staff, patient benefits coordinators, application counselors, third party billers, health information management consultants, purchased/referred care staff and other individuals that assist patients with health benefits coverage.

When: Occurs third Tuesday of every month, 1pm ET unless stated otherwise.

Sign up for the IHS ACA Listserve [HERE](#) to be updated about the next call.

Tribal Healthcare Reform Outreach and Education Resources--Available, for free, year round!

The National Indian Health Board's Tribal Healthcare Reform Outreach & Education department has a variety of resources for Enrollment Assisters and Patient Benefit Coordinators working throughout Indian Country! Focused on best practices for outreach and education to American Indian and Alaska Native communities to encourage enrollments into health care coverages, all of these resources are free to download and use for the year of 2017!

See a list below and brief description of some of these resources:

Enrollment Assister Toolkit: Designed to give new and experienced Enrollment Assisters groundwork information for working with American Indian and Alaska Native health care consumers. It also has some helpful tools such as an example patient information card and Federal Poverty Level(FPL) chart for easy enrollments.

Affordable Care Act: What Native Youth Need to Know Toolkit: Comprising of a poster, brochure, and short video this toolkit provides resources for Enrollment Assisters to outreach and educate young people all throughout Indian country on concepts such as the importance of the federal trust responsibilities, health insurance coverage, and health Tribal communities.

Media and Messaging Toolkit: Provides a variety of resources for Enrollment Assisters to craft effective messaging campaigns to educate their community members. This toolkit is a great resource for expanding your social media presence which includes a PowerPoint, ten step guide, and sample posts.

These toolkits and more are all free to access and use at the link [HERE!](#)

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact Chawin 'Win' Reilly at wreilly@nihb.org.

Sincerely,

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