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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
May 23, 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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CMS Marketplace Stabilization Final Rule: Impact for Enrollment Assisters and Consumers

In an attempt to stabilize the Health Insurance Marketplace as established under the Affordable Care Act, on April 18, 2017 the Centers for Medicare Services (CMS) published a final Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) Market Stabilization rule. Effective June 19th, this rule has some impacts on outreach and education regarding Marketplace

health coverage for AI/ANs that Enrollment Assisters should be aware of:

(1) Open Enrollment period in the individual Market for plan year 2018: The Open Enrollment period is being shortened from previous years to run from November 1 to December 15, 2017. Although, AI/AN consumers can still enroll monthly throughout the year, the Open Enrollment period is still the ideal time to review health benefits for the coming year and make adjustments to your coverage. Enrollment Assisters should inform their consumers of this shortened Enrollment Period.

(2) Special Enrollment Periods: Consumers may be required to provide additional documents up front, before receiving Special Enrollment Periods. While in the previous Marketplace, consumers could follow up after the SEP went into effect with the proper paperwork. Assisters will have to work to inform consumers that the documents that they provide must be verified before their eligibility for the SEP begins.

(3) Rules around Actuarial Value requirements for levels of coverage: The final rule allows insurers additional actuarial value flexibility to develop more choices with premium options for consumers, and to continue offering existing plans on the Marketplace. With the Actuarial Values of the plans changing, shifting metal levels, Assisters should make consumers aware of these Marketplace changes in regards to the level of care consumers may want.

There are additional changes as issued through this final ruling, however, the points above were highlighted because of their impact on the Assister-consumer relationship. To find out more about this final rule please go [HERE](#).

New Training Video Posted: AI/ANs in the Marketplace!

The NIHB THR has posted a training video for enrollment Assisters! In this presentation NIHB staff cover different elements of the Health Insurance Marketplace as established under the ACA for AI/ANs. Although, there are currently changes occurring, understanding the way the Marketplace is structured now is so important for future outreach and education work.

Additionally, go to the end of the video to hear a question and answer session with some great points!

See the video [HERE](#).

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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