

# 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

Face to Face Event to Occur August 23, 2017.  
Denver, CO

#### IHS Best Practices Call

August 29, 2017. 1PM  
MDT

#### IHS Behavioral Health Conference

August 15-17, 2017.  
Tulsa, OK

#### 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 improve their health!**



NIHB is conducting a storybanking campaign to record the positive stories of health coverage and the impact on health and wellness in AI/AN communities.

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](mailto:Wreilly@nihb.org)

### Enrollment Assisters: Back to School Season Is Here!

This is the perfect time to encourage Tribal members to secure health insurance coverage for the school year. Remember, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in your states are viable options for your communities!

Enrollment Assisters across the country are available to educate those in need of health insurance coverage on state programs like Medicaid and CHIP.

### Join Our List

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

Enrollment Assisters: there are many American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) specific resources for you to utilize in your Outreach and Education activities. See some resources below:

Schools can do a lot to highlight, educate, and connect families and children to Medicaid and CHIP coverage. Enrollment assisters and schools should work together to ensure that those who need the care understand and enroll in the proper coverage. This 10 steps fact sheet gives helpful information for how to work with schools to do just this!

[Here](#)

CMS AI/AN specific Outreach & Education content, including posters, videos, and brochures:

[Here](#)

Direct consumers in your state to locate their Medicaid and CHIP locations through this website:

[Here](#)

Enrollment Assisters, for a comprehensive toolkit on Outreach and Education strategies on the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP):

[Here](#)



### **Medicare Equitable Relief Assistance Available Now!**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) offers equitable relief to certain individuals enrolled in both Medicare Part A and coverage through the Federally Facilitated marketplace, for individuals and families to enroll in Medicare Part B without penalty!

CMS is also offering equitable relief to certain individuals who dropped or lost their coverage through the Marketplace and are paying a late enrollment penalty for Medicare Part B.

An individual must have:

- Have an Initial Enrollment Period (IEP) that began April

1, 2013 or later; or

- Have been notified of a retroactive premium-free Medicaid Part A award on October 1, 2013 or later.

Through this program Individuals may have their penalty reduced.

Individuals can apply for Medicare Part B enrollment opportunity and reduction in late enrollment penalties for a limited time. It is available now until September 30, 2017!

To see if you qualify or claim equitable relief individuals should contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778) or visit their local Social Security office for more questions. Individuals can also mention they are interested in applying for "equitable relief" when submitting their Medicare part B enrollment documents.

### 2017 IHS Partnership Conference

The Indian Health Service (IHS) Office of Resource Access and Partnership is pleased to host the 2017 Partnership Conference on August 22-24, 2017, in Denver, Colorado.

This three-day conference will feature diverse speakers and current topics relevant to the Indian health system. Topics covered will include: Revenue Generation, Purchased Referred Care (PRC), Health Information Management, Program Best Practices, and much more.

The Partnership Conference is designed for healthcare administrators, managers, and front-line staff in Business Office, Purchased Referred Care (PRC) and Health Information Management (HIM) Programs. Federal, Tribal, and Urban program attendees will benefit from this important event.

There is no registration fee for the conference and limited HIM continuing education credits will be offered!

[Learn more and register here today!](#)

### Upcoming CMS I/T/U Training-Denver, CO

CMS is hosting a one day I/T/U training for Business Office staff, Benefits Coordinators, Patients Registration staff, Medical Records staff, and Purchase and Referred care staff.

**When:** Monday, August 21, 2017

**Where:** Marriot Denver Tech Center  
4900 S. Syracuse Street  
Denver, CO 80237

Please register to attend this one day pre-training  
at: <http://www.cmsitustrainings.net/>

**NIHB and IHS to host a new call series: Best Practices  
in Indian Health! August 29, 2017**

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: August 29, 2017, 1pm ET unless stated otherwise.

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

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If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact Chawin 'Win' Reilly at [wreilly@nihb.org](mailto:wreilly@nihb.org).

**Sincerely,**

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