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# Health Care Reform in Indian Country

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## ACA Recent Information for Tribes

December 18, 2014

### **Urban Institute Projection on Reducing Racial Disparities for Uninsured American Indians/Alaska Natives**

A recent report from the Urban Institute estimates 2016 uninsured rates for AI/ANs using three different scenarios: without the ACA, with the ACA plus the current state of Medicaid expansion and with the ACA plus full Medicaid expansion. The analysis is as follows:

#### **Baseline without ACA**

- 1.3 million American Indian/Alaska Natives (26 percent of all American Indian/Alaska Natives) would be uninsured.

#### **ACA with Current Medicaid Expansion Decisions**

- 633,000 American Indian/Alaska Natives would gain coverage, a 50 percent reduction in the number of uninsured American Indian/Alaska Natives.
- 645,000 American Indian/Alaska Natives (13 percent of all AI/AN) would remain uninsured.
- 151,000 American Indian/Alaska Natives living in nonexpansion states would fall into the coverage gap: they would be eligible for Medicaid if their state expanded Medicaid, but they are ineligible for any assistance without expansion.

American Indian/Alaska Natives would account for 3 percent of all coverage gains nationally.

#### **ACA with All States Expanding Medicaid**

- 787,000 American Indian/Alaska Natives would gain coverage, a 62 percent reduction in the number of uninsured American Indian/Alaska Natives.
- 491,000 American Indian/Alaska Natives (10 percent of all American Indian/Alaska Natives) would remain uninsured.

Click here for a copy of the full report from the Urban Institute:

[Racial/Ethnic Differences in Uninsurance Rates under the ACA](#)

**Effect on Congressional districts if the Supreme Court invalids insurance subsidies to federal-run exchanges in King v. Burwell**

On November 7, 2014, the Supreme Court announced that it would take up the case of *King v. Burwell*. The case involves a challenge to providing federal tax credits to consumers who receive Affordable Care Act (ACA) insurance coverage through the Federally Facilitated Exchanges. Oral arguments in this case are expected to be heard in March 2015 with a decision in the summer of 2015.

Click below for a copy of the December 2014 District-by-District Impact of a Potential Supreme Court Ruling Against Affordable Care Act Federal Exchange Tax Credits From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, Minority Staff.

<http://democrats.energycommerce.house.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Fact-Sheet-District-By-District-King-vs-Burwell-Impacts-2014-December.pdf>

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