

Short Description of Status of Congressional Outreach for Tribal Legislative Priorities on Medicaid

- Tribal representatives are continuing to reach out to select congressional offices to seek support for the Tribal legislative priorities on Medicaid
 - ✓ Draft legislation has the working title of: “Equal Access to Medicaid for American Indians and Alaska Natives”
- There is a possibility to secure bi-partisan support for the legislation
- **Potential** lead sponsors include:
 - ✓ House: Rep. Lujan (D) – **lead House sponsor**
 - ✓ House: Rep. Cole (R) – **lead House sponsor**
 - House: Rep. McMorris Rodgers (R)
 - Senate: Sen. Cantwell (D)
 - ✓ Senate: Sen. Cortez Masto (D) – likely lead Senate sponsor
- Broad outreach for co-sponsors is not yet occurring (will occur after lead sponsors are identified)
- The initiative contains 5 provisions; some of the provision might move forward ahead of other provisions, largely due to being less controversial / complex
- Language has been sent to Office of House Legislative Counsel for drafting of legislation
- Congressional Budget Office “score” will be sought after legislative language is drafted