



# Health Care Reform in Indian Country

Self-Governance Communication & Education

*Self-Governance Tribes Striving Towards Excellence in Health Care*

Presentation at the Annual Tribal Self-Governance Conference (Tulsa, OK)

## Tribal Self-Governance Affordable Care Act (ACA)/Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA) Project Update

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# Project Background and Purpose

- IHS Office of Tribal Self-Governance has provided annual funding to the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC) for outreach, education, technical, research and analytical support nationally to Self-Governance Tribes on the ACA/IHCIA.
- The overall objective of this Project is to improve Indian health care by conducting training and technical assistance across Self-Governance communities on the ACA/IHCIA and other Federal health care programs (including Medicare, Medicaid and the VA).
- The Project is staffed by a team of subject matter experts and oversight is provided by TSGAC leadership.
- TSGAC continues to collaborate with the IHS, CMS and other national and regional Tribal groups, including National Congress of American Indians, National Indian Health Board, and the National Council of Urban Indian Health to assist in coordinating efforts and reduce any duplication of training materials.



# Recent Project Updates

- **Finalized ACA/IHCIA WorkPlan for 2023, incorporated recommendations received by Self-Governance Tribes in an annual survey.**
- **Coordination with TTAG Policy Subcommittee on updates to the Medicare and Medicaid Top Priorities and Issues.**
- **Developed TSGAC briefing paper on issues related to the end of the Public Health Emergency, review of recently approved waivers on transitional housing being provided under Medicaid.**
- **Analysis of 2022 Marketplace Enrollment Data.**



# Recent Project Activities (continued)

- Updates to ACA/IHCIA portion of the Website:

<https://www.tribalsefgov.org/health-reform/>

- Motion-Capture Video – Development of informational video on Tribal Sponsorship:

[https://link.edgepilot.com/s/5b25bb40/NoF7gcOyZ0mv-t4z4qwoQ?u=https://www.dropbox.com/s/0fcn4hw0kxrp1o/TribalSponsorship\\_d3\\_SGETClogo.mp4?dl=0](https://link.edgepilot.com/s/5b25bb40/NoF7gcOyZ0mv-t4z4qwoQ?u=https://www.dropbox.com/s/0fcn4hw0kxrp1o/TribalSponsorship_d3_SGETClogo.mp4?dl=0)



# Upcoming Project Activities

- **Developing Tribal Self-Governance ACA/IHCIA Success Stories** – Interviews being conducted to highlight some Tribal best practices and outcomes as a result of authorities under the ACA/IHCIA.
- **Webinars** being planned to address Tribal Best Practices in Tribal Sponsorship and Implementation of CHAP.
- Working on updated **TSGAC issue briefs** on Pharmacy Reimbursement Issues, Medicaid Unwinding Resource Guide.



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**All updates are posted on the SGCE Website at:**

[ACA/IHCIA Issues - Tribal Self-Governance \(tribalselfgov.org\)](http://tribalselfgov.org)

