

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Tribal Technical Advisory Group (CMS TTAG)

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Tribal Technical Advisory Group (CMS TTAG) was established in 2003, under the Federal Advisory Committee Act exception for intergovernmental communications (2 U.S.C. § 1534 (b)). The TTAG was formed to enhance the government to government relationship and to provide advice and input to the CMS on policy and program issues having tribal implications for Indian health care providers and affecting delivery of health care to American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) enrolled in Medicare, Medicaid/CHIP, and the Marketplace.

The CMS TTAG is comprised of one elected tribal leader, or an appointed representative and alternate from each of the twelve geographic Areas of the Indian Health Service (IHS) delivery system. In addition, there is one representative and alternate from each of the national Indian organizations headquartered in Washington DC, the National Indian Health Board (NIHB), the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Group (TSGAC). The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) section 5006(e)(1) codified the TTAG and added two new representatives from a national urban Indian health organization (National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH)) and from the Indian Health Service (IHS).

Since its inception, the TTAG has carried out its responsibilities as an advisory group by holding monthly conference calls and three face-to-face meetings each year. To be more effective and perform more in-depth analysis of Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP and Marketplace policies having tribal implications, the TTAG has formed smaller subject specific subcommittees. In addition, the TTAG organizes ad hoc subcommittees and workgroups when necessary to address urgent topics. The Subcommittees consists of individual TTAG members, tribal technical advisors, and employees from CMS and the IHS as well as other interested individuals. The subcommittees provide research, expertise and offer Tribal input to ensure that the TTAG is informed and knowledgeable of the many complicated issues that it must address. A few of the subcommittees are:

- 1115 Demonstration Waivers
- Policy
- Data
- Long Term Care
- Outreach & Education
- CMS Tribal Consultation Policy
- Managed Care
- Behavioral Health
- TTAG Strategic Plan