



Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Important website links to American Indian and Alaska Native Resources

The CMS Division of Tribal Affairs, within the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services Intergovernmental and External Affairs Group, serves as the point of contact on Indian health issues and provides ongoing support to CMS components regarding Indian health implications and Tribal perspectives. CMS Tribal Affairs also responds to external partners such as other agencies in HHS, including Indian Health Service, national Indian organizations, and Tribes and Tribal organizations.

CMS TRIBAL AFFAIRS

➤ **CMS TRIBAL AFFAIRS WEBSITE:**

<http://go.cms.gov/AIAN>

CMS Tribal Affairs website is a resource for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN), Tribal organizations, and other Federal agencies on Tribal Consultation, the Affordable Care Act, All Tribes' Calls, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Long Term Services & Supports Technical Assistance Center, Outreach & Education resources, State Tribal Relations, Trainings, and How to Order Tribal Products.

➤ **CMS TRIBAL AFFAIRS SPOTLIGHT PAGE:**

<http://go.cms.gov/AIANSpotlight>

CMS Tribal Affairs posts important information like Save the Date notices for webinars and All Tribes' Calls, new fact sheets and brochures, grant opportunities, or updates on CMS Indian health policies.

➤ **CMS TRIBAL AFFAIRS OUTREACH & EDUCATION RESOURCES:**

<http://go.cms.gov/AIAN-OutreachEducationResources>

CMS Tribal Affairs produces outreach and education resources to increase awareness and understanding of new health insurance benefits available to AI/ANs, as well as special provisions available to Tribal members and their families because of the permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and other provisions of the Affordable Care Act. The resources include video & radio products, brochures, posters, training materials and webinars. Many of these materials were developed in collaboration with HHS, IHS, CMS Tribal Technical Advisory Group, and national Indian organizations. Resources can be downloaded from this page or ordered from the CMS warehouse on the Tribal Products Ordering Page.

➤ **HOW TO ORDER TRIBAL PRODUCTS and PRODUCT LISTING:**

<http://go.cms.gov/CMS-Tribal-Products>

CMS Tribal Affairs produces outreach and education resources that are available for download from the website or ordered for free from the CMS warehouse on the Tribal Products Ordering Page. This link takes you to Instructions on how to order CMS Tribal Affairs products.

➤ **CMS PSA YouTube PLAYLIST:**

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLaV7m2-zFKpjsQFh8BTIOc6FH4bFLuqw2>

Each month CMS produces newspaper articles and corresponding public service announcements (PSA) that feature a different topic or message. The articles and messages are featured in Tribal newspapers and on Tribal radio stations. The radio PSAs are translated into five native languages: English, Navajo, Lakota, Ojibwe, Yupik and Zuni. This link takes you to the YouTube page with all the radio PSAs. To view the monthly drop-in 'news ads,' visit CMS Tribal Affairs Outreach and Education Resources page.

➤ **ITU TRAININGS and WEBINARS:**

<http://go.cms.gov/ANAN-trainings>

CMS Tribal Affairs partners with IHS, the Office of the Inspector General, the Social Security Administration, the Veteran's Health Administration, and State Medicaid Agencies to conduct face to face trainings to provide AI/AN beneficiary advocates, benefits coordinators, providers, beneficiaries, and Tribal leaders with information about CMS programs including eligibility and benefits. This link takes you to the CMS ITU training webpage where you can register for trainings online. CMS also holds webinars to present information from subject matter experts on CMS related issues relevant to IHS, Tribes, urban programs, and AI/AN beneficiaries. You can also see a list of webinars on this site.

➤ **LONG TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS (LTSS) WEBINARS:**

<https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/American-Indian-Alaska-Native/AIAN/LTSS-Technical-Assistance-Center/Webinars.html>

CMS, IHS, and the Administration for Community Living (ACL) have a joint technical assistance effort to support the development of LTSS in Indian Country. The purpose of this effort is to share knowledge and promising practices and build an ongoing dialogue among tribal, IHS, and Urban Indian health programs engaged in LTSS delivery for AI/ANs.

➤ **NATIVE ART 4 HEALTH:**

www.NativeArt4Health.org

CMS Tribal Affairs is conducting Tribal outreach in ten unserved urban areas using artwork that is temporarily displayed on buildings. The artist and the artwork can be viewed on this website.

MARKETPLACE

➤ **SPECIAL MARKETPLACE PROTECTIONS & BENEFITS FOR AI/ANs:**

www.healthcare.gov/tribal

This link takes you directly to the healthcare.gov website page that contains specific information for AI/ANs who have certain protections in the Health Insurance Marketplace, such as reduced cost sharing, special enrollment periods, and exemptions from the tax penalty.

➤ **MARKETPLACE:**

<https://marketplace.cms.gov>

This is the Marketplace website with information for assisters and outreach partners.

➤ **CMS ASSISTERS:**

<https://www.cms.gov/ccio/programs-and-initiatives/health-insurance-marketplaces/assistance.html> or <https://marketplace.cms.gov/technical-assistance-resources/assister-programs/about-assister-programs.html>

There are several ways to get in-person assistance when signing up for health insurance on the Marketplace, such as Navigators, Certified Application Counselors, or Agents and Brokers. Visit these sites for more information about assisters. You can also sign up for the CMS Weekly Assister Newsletter, which includes important updates and information for Assisters. To sign up, please send a request to the Assister Listserv inbox at ASSISTERLISTSERV@cms.hhs.gov. Write "Add to listserv" in the subject line and in the body of the email, include the email address where you'd like to receive the newsletter.

MEDICAID AND CHIP

➤ **CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM:**

www.insurekidsnow.gov

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is a State-Federal program offering free or low-cost health coverage for eligible children and other family members. There are special protections for AI/ANs enrolled in CHIP. For more information, visit, <https://www.healthcare.gov/american-indians-alaska-natives/medicaid-chip/>.

➤ **MEDICAID:**

www.Medicaid.gov

Medicaid is a State-Federal program that offers health insurance to eligible individuals. There are special protections for AI/ANs enrolled in Medicaid, such as no cost sharing. In addition to Medicaid.gov, you can visit <https://www.healthcare.gov/american-indians-alaska-natives/medicaid-chip/> for more information about the special protections for AI/ANs enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP.

MEDICARE

➤ **MEDICARE LEARNING NETWORK:**

www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/

The Medicare Learning Network offers several learning opportunities, some of which can be taken for credit. This site has links to all the different Medicare Learning Products.

➤ **NOVITAS "ASK THE CONTRACTOR" CALLS:**

http://www.novitasolutions.com/webcenter/faces/oracle/webcenter/page/scopedMD/sad78b265_6797_4ed0_a02f_81627913bc78/Page57.jsp?contentId=00005812&_afLoop=410822244992000#!%40%40%3F_afLoop%3D410822244992000%26contentId%3D00005812%26_adf.ctrl-state%3D3xu22cvkf_63

Novitas "Ask the Contractor" calls are available for any facilities billing for Medicare services. Participants must visit the Novitas website and set up an account on their Learning Website to receive information about the calls. To register, visit this link.

IHS/TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS OUTREACH PARTNERS

➤ **IHS/ACA TUESDAY CALLS:**

IHS holds a bi-weekly call to share information about the Affordable Care Act. To sign up for these "IHS/ACA Tuesday Calls," please send an email to acainformation@ihs.gov. For more information IHS ACA outreach and enrollment activities visit, <https://www.ihs.gov/aca/index.cfm/openenrollment/>

➤ **NATIONAL INDIAN HEALTH OUTREACH & EDUCATION (NIHOE):**

<http://tribalhealthcare.org/>

NIHOE is a national partnership between Indian Health Service (IHS), the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) and representatives from each of the 12 IHS Areas. This website provides consumer-oriented education materials and training tools for community representatives.

➤ **TRIBAL SELF GOVERNANCE UPCOMING WEBINARS:**

<http://tribalselfgov.org/health-reform/webinars/>

Tribal Self Governance (SGCE) is a Tribally-based Communication & Education Consortium that focuses on what Self-Governance means to Tribes, defining and exploring relationships, and the key policy provisions and intent of the Self-Governance statutes.

OTHER FEDERAL PARTNERS

- **Administration for Children and Families (ACL), Programs and Services for Native Americans/Tribes:**
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/program-topics/native-americans/tribes>
- **Administration for Children and Families (ACL), Administration for Native Americans (ANA):**
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana>
- **Administration for Community Living (ACL), Administration on Aging (AOA), Office for American Indian, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiian Programs:**
<http://www.aoa.acl.gov/%20>
- **Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Indian Tribal Governments:**
<https://www.irs.gov/Government-Entities/Indian-Tribal-Governments>
- **National Institutes of Health (NIH), Tribal Consultation Advisory Committee:**
<http://www.nih.gov/about-nih/what-we-do/get-involved-nih/tribal-consultation-advisory-committee-tcac-charter>
- **Social Security Administration (SSA), American Indians and Alaska Natives:**
<https://www.ssa.gov/people/aian>
- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Tribal Affairs:**
<http://www.samhsa.gov/tribal-affairs>
- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs:**
<http://www.hhs.gov/about/agencies/iea/index.html>
- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Minority Health:**
<http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov>
- **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Office of Tribal Government Relations:**
<http://www.va.gov/tribalgovernment>