

The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES



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A Resolution in Support of the §1115(a) SoonerCare Research and Demonstration Waiver Amendment Request by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority for the Insure Oklahoma "Sponsor's Choice" Option

Resolution No. 15-15

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes (ITC) is an organization that unites the tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole Nations, representing over 500,000 Indian people throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS, the ITC recognizes that American Indian people suffer greater health disparities than others living in Oklahoma. The top leading causes of death among Indians in Oklahoma are heart disease, cancer, unintentional injuries and diabetes; and

WHEREAS, the historic allocations of resources appropriated to all Indian health systems have created a disparity and underfunding for the Oklahoma Area compared to all other Areas in the United States. The Oklahoma Area has been in the bottom 25% of all Indian Health Areas and consistently rates as one of the lowest funded Areas within the IHS system; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of health services rendered at Indian Health Service, Tribes, and Urban Indian (I/T/U) facilities are covered by 100% Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) with no State match; and

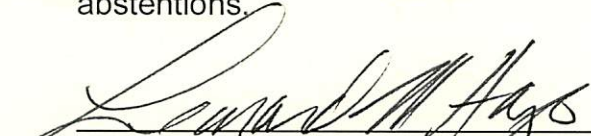
WHEREAS, services provided at an I/T/U are at no cost to the state and if Oklahoma Health Care Authority programs are eliminated it generates no state budget savings. Therefore, we propose that a §1115(a) SoonerCare Research and Demonstration Waiver Amendment Request be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS); and


WHEREAS, the Amendment would amend the Special Terms and Conditions to add a Sponsor's Choice option as CMS has previously agreed the State could address I/T/U facilities separately; and

WHEREAS, the Amendment would amend the Special Terms and Conditions concerning eligibility of populations, individuals sponsored for enrollment, provisions for qualified sponsors, premium assistance and cost sharing, and criteria for certification of qualifying health plans for the Insure Oklahoma Sponsor's Choice option.

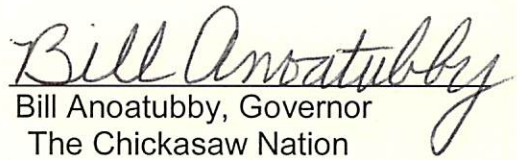
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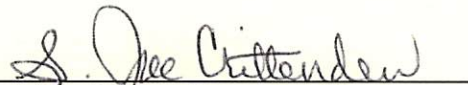
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Thackerville, Oklahoma on this 10th day of April, 2015, by a vote of all for Ø against and Ø abstentions.


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