

**A Resolution of the Inter-Tribal Council of the  
Five Civilized Tribes**

**No. 95-11**

**Supporting the approval of the Health Committee Assignment**

- WHEREAS,** the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is an organization which united the tribal governments of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Muscogee (Creek), Seminole and Cherokee Nations, representing over 300,000 tribal members throughout the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** new health coalitions continue to form through hospital buy-outs and cooperative arrangements; new provider groups are organizing; new methods of organizing health care institutions continue to emerge; anticipated changes in the Federal bureaucracy continue as health care cost continue to increase; and the restructuring of Indian Health Services is being driving by tribal, budgetary, and external forces;
- WHEREAS,** some type of managed care is the method by which health care will be delivered in the very near future as evidenced through the continued growth of Health Maintenance Organizations, Preferred Provider Organizations, collective and specialty management services; and, state managed care initiatives as evidenced through the States Medicaid AFDC clients, which will impact our Indian patient user population;
- WHEREAS,** the Health Committee of the Inter-Tribal Council has concluded that we need to look at how we can optimize our resources in these changing environments;
- WHEREAS,** the Health Committee has concluded that Indian Health care is being pushed, indirectly, into a competitive environment.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** the Health Committee of the inter-Tribal Council continue to monitor changes in the health care industry; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** the Health Committee begin to look at various options available to the Five Tribes as the health care industry continues to undergo change.

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting at Arrowhead Resort, Canadian, OK on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1995 by a vote of 24 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

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(Signed by Governor Anoatubby)  
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