



# Tribal Health Care Coordination Fund Update

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# ND MEDICAID TRIBAL HEALTH

- Native Americans Enrolled in North Dakota Medicaid:

May 2022: 25,334

*\* Note: Race indicator is not mandatory on eligibility application*

- Native Americans who are eligible for health care through IHS and Tribal 638 programs are also entitled to Medicaid coverage if they meet the categorical and financial eligibility requirements for the North Dakota Medicaid programs.
- North Dakota Medicaid currently has Indian Health Service (IHS) and Tribally Operated "638" Programs enrolled as providers (*Three Affiliated Tribes, Spirit Lake Nation, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, and the Trenton Indian Service Area*)

# INDIAN HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS

- **Indian Health Service (IHS) Direct Health Care Service**

Administered through a system of Area Offices and tribally managed service units.

- **Tribally Operated "638" Health Care Service**

Tribe self-administers the funding, management, and health services

*Title I and Title V of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (Public Law 93-638, as Amended), provide Tribes the options of exercising their right to self-determination by assuming control and management of programs previously administered by the federal government.*

Today, over sixty percent of the IHS Appropriation is administered by tribes, primarily through self-determination contracts or self-governance compacts.

# CARE COORDINATION

- HB1407 passed in the 2021 Legislative Session
- Allows federal funding received in excess of the state's regular share of federal medical assistance funding which results from care coordination agreements to be deposited at a distribution of eighty percent in the tribal health care coordination fund and twenty percent in the general fund.
- Requires a signed care coordination agreement between a health care provider and tribal health care organization
- Requires an agreement between the department and a tribal government to meet the requirements of subsection 3 of section 50-24.1-40 of the North Dakota Century Code.