National Council of Urban Indian Health Supports the Affordable Care Act in Light of the 2016 Presidential Elections

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Washington, D.C. - The 2016 Presidential election results have created panic among those in the healthcare industry, as the new administration states they will repeal all or much of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). The National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) reaffirms its mission to fight for quality and access to healthcare for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN).

The National Council of Urban Indian Health was founded 18 years ago to represent the interests of Urban Indian Health Programs (UIHPs) before Congress and Federal agencies, and to influence policies impacting the health conditions experienced by urban American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN). The National Council of Urban Indian Health is a 501(c)(3), membership-based organization devoted to support the development of quality, accessible, and culturally sensitive health care programs for AI/AN living in urban communities. NCUIH fulfills its mission by serving as a resource center providing advocacy, education, training, and leadership for urban Indian health care providers. NCUIH strives for healthy American Indians and Alaska Natives living in urban settings, which comprise over 70% of the AI/AN population, supported by quality, accessible health care centers and governed by leaders in the Indian community.

The National Council of Urban Indian Health stands firm in representing the health and welfare of American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) and recognizes the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act is at risk under the new administration, as well as the Affordable Care Act. NCUIH is working with our partners to ensure the protection of these laws that have not only permanently reauthorized the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, but also the AI/AN provisions that are included in them that aid in facilitating the trust responsibility.

NCUIH will be working side by side with our Tribal partners to protect the healthcare trust responsibility that AI/AN were promised. We are stronger together. For questions, comments or concerns, feel free to contact NCUIH Policy Analyst and Congressional Relations Liaison Francys Crevier at FCrevier@NCUIH.org.