IHS Releases FAQs Document Regarding FTCA Extension to UIOs

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On April 23, the Indian Health Service (IHS) released a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document regarding Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) Coverage for Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs). This FAQ document follows Congress' amendment to 25 U.S.C. § 5321(d) on January 3, 2021 to extend FTCA coverage to UIOs and their employees to the same extent and in the same manner as to Tribes and Tribal Organizations.

Why Does this Matter to UIOs?:

FTCA coverage for UIO allows for funding that would have been spent on the purchase of medical malpractice insurance to be used on programs and services that benefit their clients.

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