

# [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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