

# **Senate Introduces Bill Authorizing Special Behavioral Health Program for Indians after NCUIH Efforts**

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Sen. Tina Smith introduces bill to amend the IHCA to authorize special behavioral health programs for Indians, including urban AI/AN persons and the UIOs that serve them. This revision of the IHCA helps Congress to fulfill its trust obligations to AI/AN populations while Urban Indians continue to disproportionately suffer from behavioral health issues at a rate much higher than the general population.

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