

ADVANCING TRADITIONAL HEALING THROUGH MEDICAID POLICY PATHWAYS

Technical Assistance Outcomes: Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake



Technical Assistance Focus

Advancing sustainable financing for traditional healing through Medicaid policy engagement and federal support.

Challenges Identified

- Traditional healing services not covered under Utah Medicaid
- Uncertainty around state approval pathways for Urban Indian Organization (UIO) inclusion

Technical Assistance Provided

- Drafted joint support letter to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) supporting Utah's Traditional Healing waiver
- Coordinated meetings with CMS Division of Tribal Affairs and federal stakeholders

Implementation Outcomes

- Joint NCUIH & Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake letter submitted to CMS supporting waiver approval
- Direct engagement with CMS and congressional offices to elevate UIO inclusion
- Increased clarity on federal and state pathways to advance traditional healing coverage

Key Takeaway for Other UIOs

Strategic federal technical assistance and coordinated messaging can strengthen UIO inclusion in state Medicaid policy decisions.

Implementation Status In progress

