U.S. HEALTHCARE SPENDING
America’s Disproportionate Investment in healthcare for American Indians and Alaska Natives

U.S. health care spending grew 2.7% in 2021, reaching $4.3 trillion or $12,914 per person¹

For urban IHS patients, urban Indian organizations received just $891 per American Indian/Alaska Native patient from the IHS Urban Indian line item²

The Declaration of National Indian Health Policy in the Indian Health Care Improvement Act States:

“Congress declares that it is the policy of this Nation, in fulfillment of its special trust responsibilities and legal obligations to Indians to ensure the highest possible health status for Indians and urban Indians and to provide all resources necessary to effect that policy.”

¹ Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) National Health Expenditure Accounts (NHEA), data from 2021.
² NCUIH calculation based on the FY 2021 Urban Indian Health line item appropriation, divided by the unduplicated CY 2021 urban American Indian/Alaska Native service population.