



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

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RESOLUTION #MSH-01-024

Title: Opposition to the CHS Workgroup's Proposed Formula

WHEREAS, we, the members of the National Congress of American Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, rights secured under Indian treaties and agreements with the United States, and all other rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and Constitution of the United States, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was established in 1944 and is the oldest, largest, and most representative national American Indian and Alaska Native tribal government organization; and

WHEREAS, the Resource Allocation Workgroup of 1991-1994 developed a methodology for the distribution of funds appropriated for Contract Health Services (CHS or Contract Care) that favors contract care-dependent areas; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service has formed a new CHS workgroup to consider changes to the current CHS formula; and

WHEREAS, some tribes have advocated for a new formula for the distribution of the FY 2001 \$40 million appropriation for the CHS funds; and

WHEREAS, the CHS methodology proposed by the CHS Workgroup did not have adequate tribal consultation; and

WHEREAS, tribes are ready to participate in additional consultation to guide any possible distribution methodology from development to adoption; and implementation.

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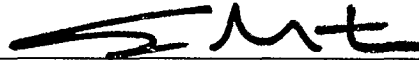
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NCAI does hereby support the Contract Health Services issue paper with recommendations for distribution of appropriations to the CHS line item in the Indian Health Service budget; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that NCAI does hereby support this resolution and strongly oppose the proposed formula of the CHS Workgroup for distribution of the FY 2001 funding for Contract Care.

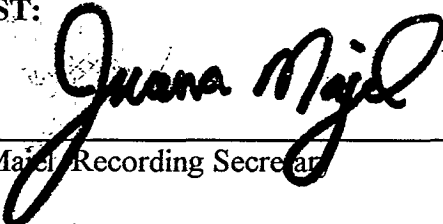
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2001 Mid-Year Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, Connecticut on May 13-16, 2001, with a quorum present.



Susan Masten, President

ATTEST:



Juana Maje, Recording Secretary

Adopted by the General Assembly during the 2001 Mid-Year Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held in Mashantucket, Connecticut on May 13-16, 2001.