



# Legislative Action Alert

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## **ACTION – INCLUDE IHCIA IN SENATE HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL**

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid introduced the Senate Health Care Reform Bill – “*the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*.” The bill contains many important Indian specific health care protections BUT, unlike the House health reform bill (H.R. 3962), the **Senate bill does not include the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA)**. It has to be included in the Senate health care bill because this is our only chance to get IHCIA through the Congress this year.

### **ACTION NEEDED: CONTACT YOUR SENATORS**

Senators still need to hear from all of us! Likely, this bill will go to the Senate Floor in two weeks.

Tell them:

1. You want them to **SUPPORT** an amendment to include the Indian Health Care Improvement Act into the Senate health care reform bill.
2. The Indian Health Care Improvement Act is a **TOP PRIORITY FOR INDIAN COUNTRY**.
3. I, my Tribe and ALL TRIBES have been working on the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act for over 10 years.

### **How To Do IT**

1. By Phone: The number to call: **Capitol Switch Board (202) 224-3121**.  
To download a list of Senators – [click here](#)
2. By Letter: To download a **Sample Letter** to send to your Member - [click here](#)  
To download a copy of the **NIHB IHCIA Fact Sheet** - [click here](#)

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

To download the **Senate Health Care Reform Bill** - [click here](#)

To download a list of **Indian specific provisions in the Senate Bill** - [click here](#)

Please share this information throughout Indian Country because the Senate needs to hear from us. Please act swiftly and let NIHB know who you contacted so that we can follow up.

THANK YOU!

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