



# Legislative Action Alert

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**SPEAK UP FOR INDIAN COUNTRY TODAY:**

**INCLUDE IHCIA IN SENATE HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL**

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (NV) and the Senate continue to debate the Senate Health Care Reform Bill – “*The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*.” Senator Byron Dorgan (ND) has introduced Senate Amendment 2923 that **would add the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) to the Senate bill.**

Indian Country is close to realizing the reauthorization of the IHCIA but it is not a done deal yet! The next step is to include the IHCIA amendment into a potential “Manager’s amendment.” Doing so would ensure that the IHCIA is included in the Senate health care bill and passage of IHCIA this year.

**ACTION NEEDED: CONTACT SENATOR REID AND YOUR SENATORS TODAY!**

Tell Senator Reid and Your Senators:

1. **WE SUPPORT** Senator Dorgan’s 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. To support a healthy Indian Country, Senator Reid needs to include the IHCIA Amendment in his manager’s amendment.

## **How To Do IT**

1. By Phone: 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 Senator Reid and your Senators - [click here](#)

Act swiftly because Senator Reid and the Senate needs to hear from us **TODAY**. THANK YOU!

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