

National Indian Health Board



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SCHIP SIGNED BY PRESIDENT OBAMA INTO LAW WITH INDIAN SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

Washington, D.C. – On Wednesday, February 4 President Obama signed into law the expansion of the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) congratulates President Obama and Congress for the quick passage of this important legislation. Chairman Reno Keoni Franklin, “Is grateful to Congress for making American Indian and Alaska Natives’ children’s health a priority. We are all to aware of the statistics that our children are living shorter lives than their parents; and this legislation is the beginning of ensuring our children receive the health care the deserve.”

The NIHB believes that this bill is positive step towards health care reform and the inclusion of Indian Country in the reform debate. This law contains two Indian specific provisions. These provisions are the acceptance of tribal enrollment documents as proof of U.S. citizenship for Medicaid and CHIP and increased outreach and enrollment of Indians in Medicaid and CHIP.

For more information about the Indian specific provisions included in this law please visit the NIHB website.

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