

# The Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation

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The Honorable Sylvia Mathews Burwell  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Ave SW  
Washington DC 20201

Re: **Letter of Support for State of Montana's Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver Application**

Dear Secretary Burwell:

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services submitted a Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver to implement the Health and Economic Livelihood Partnership (HELP) program on September 15, 2015.

The Chippewa Cree Tribe has been actively engaged in this effort in partnership with the State of Montana. Representatives of the Chippewa Cree Tribe testified in support on several occasions during the state legislative session and also attended the formal Tribal Consultation held by the department on August 19, 2015. During this consultation, the particulars of the proposed waiver, exemptions and benefits were methodically explained in great detail including the impacts to Native Americans.

Expanding Medicaid coverage to this new population in Montana will be of great benefit to not only members within our Tribe but to our fellow citizens throughout our great state. Therefore, as evidenced by the attached Chippewa Cree Tribal Resolution, we respectfully ask for your approval of Montana's waiver request including any exemptions and alternative benefits that are a part of it. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Dustin Whitford, Business Committee Member  
Vice-Chairman, Rocky Boy Health Board

cc: Ed Parisian, Acting CEO, Rocky Boy Health Board

Attachment: Tribal Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_