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

Dear Secretary Burwell,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposed policy changes to the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) for services by a provider that is not affiliated with IHS or a Tribal facility. I support the expansion of the FMAP to 100 percent for AI/AN Medicaid beneficiaries.

Wyoming currently receives the standard 50% state/federal FMAP. Greater flexibility in defining IHS services leaves Wyoming more financial resources to support positive health outcomes for American Indians where health disparities exceed national trends for AI/AN populations. The American Indian population in Wyoming grew by 24% over the last decade. Savings generated from the proposed change would support efforts for quality healthcare and improved health outcomes for AI/AN.

I ask you to support this proposed change. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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