



Dental Care



2004 Tribal Leader Health Summit Status Report

Key Accomplishments

- AI/AN language in 2003-2005 budget exempts AI/ANs from dental cuts

Priority Activities

Priority	Status	Next Steps
Work to improve access to and funding for dental care	<p>AIHC worked successfully with MAA and legislators to include in the budget a provision instructing MAA to submit a waiver request to the CMS to exempt tribes from the elimination of any optional Medicaid services, to the extent that the services are provided through the Indian health system and are covered under the 100% FMAP. Ultimately, the Legislature rejected the call to eliminate adult dental care services.</p> <p>The AIHC Uniform Benefits Workgroup identified dental care as one of its priority issues and has proposed recommendations to improve Medicaid dental services to tribes.</p>	<p>AIHC will continue to monitor the state budget process and work to exempt AI/ANs from any proposed cuts to dental services under Medicaid for the 2005-2007 biennium.</p> <p>AIHC will work to implement the dental care recommendations set forth in the uniform benefits workgroup report.</p>
Work to identify and inform tribes about state-level dental resources not currently accessed by tribes	AIHC staff met with the WA Dental Services Foundation in 2003 and began to discuss possible outreach efforts to tribes.	AIHC will schedule a presentation by the WA Dental Services Foundation and the NPAIHB Tribal Dental Support Center.