



Tribal Technical Advisory Group

to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services



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Washington, D.C.
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RESOLUTION NO.: 04-01

**Support Tribal Recommendations for Transitional Assistance and Drug Card
Sponsor Agreements with IHS, Tribes, and Urban Indian Organizations**

WHEREAS, the delivery of health services and funding of programs to maintain and improve the health of American Indians and Alaska Natives are consonant with and required by the Federal Government's historical and unique legal relationship with Indian Tribes, as reflected in the Constitution of the United States, treaties, statutes, and numerous court decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has established the Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG) to enhance the Government-to-Government relationship, to honor Federal trust responsibilities and obligations to Tribes and American Indian people, and to increase the understanding between CMS and Tribal health programs, including those administered by the Indian Health Service; and

WHEREAS, the TTAG serves as an advisory body to CMS providing expertise on policies, guidelines, and programmatic issues affecting the delivery of health care for American Indian and Alaska Natives served by Medicare, Medicaid, and the State Child Health Insurance Program; and

WHEREAS, the TTAG wishes to be engaged in the implementation of the MMA by assisting CMS in sorting out difficult policy issues that have arisen with the proposed Temporary Assistance Drug Discount Card; and

WHEREAS, the TTAG has developed a list of contracting and program operation issues that need to be considered by CMS and Drug Card Sponsors to ensure the success of the Discount Drug Program in Indian Country.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Technical Advisory Group recommends that the attached list of program issues and contracting items be considered and accepted by the CMS and Drug Card Sponsors in their consultation with the appointed representatives of the TTAG.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the Quarterly Tribal Technical Advisory Group meeting held at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building in Washington, D.C. on May 27, 2004 with a quorum present.



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