

**TTAG Quarterly Meeting  
Washington, D.C.  
May 27, 2004**

RESOLUTION NO.: 04-02

**TTAG Support for the FY 2005 and FY 2006 Budget Requests  
Submitted by the CMS Office of Tribal Activities**

**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 CMS Office of Tribal Activities has submitted a budget request for FY 2005 and FY 2006 to support the TTAG work activities on the Indian provisions of the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) and to provide support to the TTAG; and

**WHEREAS**, the budget request is intended to provide support to the CMS Tribal Affairs staff, support outreach activity to Tribal communities on the work of the TTAG, support TTAG work relative to the MMA, and provide administrative support in recording and maintaining meeting records for the TTAG and CMS staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the budget request to support the TTAG activities promotes the Secretary's priority to improve Indian health and is necessary for the TTAG to accomplish its work in providing the CMS recommendations on Indian health policy issues.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Technical Advisory Group supports the CMS budget request for FY 2005 and FY 2006 that has been submitted by the CMS Office of Intergovernmental and Tribal Affairs.

**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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