

**TTAG Quarterly Board Meeting
Washington, DC
February 21, 2008**

TTAG Requests the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services withdraw the Medicaid Case Management Services Interim Final Rules, CMS-2237-IFC

WHEREAS, the federal 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 & 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 Tribal governments, Tribal organizations, and American Indian and Alaska Natives, 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, on December 4, 2007, the CMS issued interim final regulations imposing new restrictions on Medicaid Case Management Services that become effective March 3, 2008;

WHEREAS, many Tribes and Tribal organizations, and other national organizations representing the interests of populations impacted by these regulations, submitted comments, attached herein, requesting that the regulations be withdrawn because they will significantly disrupt delivery of case management services and shift millions of dollars of costs to state and local governments and to Indian Health Programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the TTAG respectfully requests that the CMS withdraw the Medicaid Case Management Services Interim Final Rule, CMS-2237-IFC.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the CMS TTAG meeting held at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. on February 21, 2008 with a quorum present.