

**The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL
of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE INTER-TRIBAL
COUNCIL OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES**

NUMBER 96-04

SOONERCARE

WHEREAS,

the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is an organization which unites the tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole Nations, representing over 300,000 Indian people throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS,

the State of Oklahoma through the Oklahoma Healthcare Authority has established the Medicaid system as a managed care program called or known as SoonerCare; and

WHEREAS,

the Oklahoma Healthcare Authority excluded the Indian voice in the development process of SoonerCare; and

WHEREAS,

the Indian voice was severely limited in the implementation process; and

WHEREAS,

the Oklahoma Healthcare Authority currently has no minority member on the board; and

WHEREAS,

Indian interests and needs are being pushed aside; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes designate staff to be appointed by Health Directors of each tribe to address legislative history of the Enabling Act as it pertains to tribal involvement through the State of Oklahoma; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that said staff and the State of Oklahoma review the legislative intent regarding the impact of health care delivery to citizens of Oklahoma, specifically tribal members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes require the State of Oklahoma clarify legislative intent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes request a meeting between tribal representatives and Garth Splinter, Governor Keating, Glen Johnson, Speaker of the House, President Pro Temp of the Senate, Stratton Taylor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the Oklahoma Health Care Authority be directed to provide assurance that a mechanism is included to acknowledge tribal and urban health care facilities and providers as primary health care providers.

CERTIFICATION

ADOPTED by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting held at Wagoner, Oklahoma on January 12, 1996 by a vote of 25 for, 0 Against, and 0 Abstentions.

Joe Byrd Signed
Joe Byrd, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

Greg E. Pyle Signed for
Hollis Roberts, Chief
Choctaw Nation

Perry Beaver Signed
Perry Beaver, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Jerry Haney Signed
Jerry Haney, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation

Bill Anoatubby Signed
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
Chickasaw Nation