

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Supporting American Indian Medical Home Proposal in Arizona's September 30, 2015
Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver)

RESOLUTION NO. 16-555

1 **WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council**
2 **with the authority to "promote, protect and provide for public health, peace,**
3 **morals, education and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its**
4 **members" and to "consult with the Congress of the United States and**
5 **appropriate federal agencies regarding federal activities that affect the Tohono**
6 **O'odham Nation. . ." (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(j)); and**
7 **WHEREAS, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System ("AHCCCS") is a Medicaid**
8 **"demonstration project" under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.**
9 **§1315); and**
10 **WHEREAS, AHCCCS's status as a demonstration project allows the Secretary of Health and**
11 **Human Services to waive certain statutory requirements that would normally**
12 **apply to state Medicaid plans; and**
13 **WHEREAS, the Arizona State Legislature enacted two laws, SB 1092 and SB 1475, requiring**
14 **certain provisions be included in Arizona's September 30, 2015 Section 1115**
15 **Demonstration Waiver Proposal ("Proposal"), including a lifetime limit of five**
16 **years for able-bodied adults, a moratorium on non-emergency medical**
17 **transportation, and the imposition of work requirements; and**
18 **WHEREAS, as a result, the Nation submitted written comments to the Centers for Medicare**
19 **and Medicaid Services opposing those specific provisions, but did not comment**
20 **regarding the Proposal's American Indian Medical Home provision (Resolution**
21 **No. 15-469); and**
22 **WHEREAS, the Proposal's American Indian Medical Home provision offers services such as**
23 **primary care case management, 24-hour call line, and diabetes education that**
24 **supports care coordination for American Indians and Alaska Natives enrolled in**
25 **the American Indian Health Program in order to address health disparities**
26 **between American Indians and other populations in Arizona by enhancing case**
27 **management and care coordination; and**
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1 **WHEREAS, Tohono O'odham Nation Health Care created a patient-centered environment**
2 **that empowers patients to take an active role in improving health outcomes by**
3 **emphasizing prevention and healthy lifestyles and by coordinating care for**
4 **patients with chronic conditions, but at an additional estimated cost of over \$1.5**
5 **million a year; and**

6 **WHEREAS, in providing coordinated care services similar to the American Indian Medical**
7 **Home model, Tohono O'odham Nation Health Care increased ambulatory care**
8 **visits from 49,993 in FY 2009 to 71,125 in FY 2016 and nurse visits increased from**
9 **546 in FY 2009 to 4348 in FY 2016; and**

10 **WHEREAS, if the American Indian Medical Home provision is approved, Tohono O'odham**
11 **Nation Health Care's additional expenses incurred as a result of the coordinated**
12 **care, patient centered model could be supported by AHCCCS reimbursements;**
13 **and**

14 **WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services Committee strongly recommends adopting an**
15 **official position of support for the American Indian Medical Home provision in**
16 **Arizona's September 30, 2015 Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver.**


17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it**
18 **supports the American Indian Medical Home provision in Arizona's September**
19 **30, 2015 Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver.**

20 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it authorizes the**
21 **Nation's chairperson to urge the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services**
22 **and any appropriate state or federal officials to approve the American Indian**
23 **Medical Home provision in Arizona's September 30, 2015 Section 1115**
24 **Demonstration Waiver.**

25 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 18TH**
26 **day of NOVEMBER, 2016 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,021.4 FOR;**
27 **-0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [07] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
28 **Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(j)of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,**
29 **adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting**
30 **Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section**
31 **16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**
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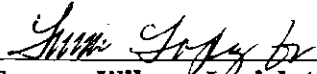
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TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman
21 day of November, 2016

ATTEST:



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary
21 day of November, 2016

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 21 day of November, 2016 at 4:57 o'clock, p.m., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



Timothy Joaquin, legislative Chairman

APPROVED

on the 23 day of November, 2016

DISAPPROVED

at 9:09 o'clock, A.m.



EDWARD D. MANUEL, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 23 day of
November, 2016, at 11:57 o'clock, a.m.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: SUPPORTING AMERICAN INDIAN MEDICAL HOME PROPOSAL IN ARIZONA'S SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION WAIVER

Moved: COUNCILMAN CHESTER ANTONE

SECOND: COUNCILMAN ARTHUR WILSON

DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2016

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 367.2	1. FRANCES MIGUEL <i>(Absent)</i> (Roberta E. Harvey) <i>(Present)</i>	183.60	X			
	2. VERNON J. SMITH (Gloria Zazueta)	183.60	X			
CHUKUT KUK 332.1	1. ETHEL GARCIA (Marlakay K. Henry)	166.05	X			
	2. BILLMAN LOPEZ <i>(Absent)</i> (Patricia Vicenti) <i>(Present)</i>	166.05	X			X
GU ACHI 265.0	1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN (Louis L. Johnson)	132.50	X			
	2. LORETTA LEWIS ()	132.50	X			X
GU VO 250.6	1. GRACE MANUEL <i>(Absent)</i> (Dallas Lewis) <i>(Present)</i>	125.30	X			
	2. PAMELA ANGHILL <i>(Absent)</i> (Jeffery Antone, Sr.) <i>(Present)</i>	125.30	X			X
HICKIWAN 205.8	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Shirley Molina)	102.90	X			
	2. SANDRA ORTEGA ()	102.90	X			X
PISINEMO 219.9	1. CHESTER ANTONE ()	109.95	X			
	2. MONICA K. MORGAN ()	109.95	X			X
SAN LUCY 226.5	1. DIANA MANUEL (Lorraine Eiler)	113.25	X			
	2. JANA MONTANA (Gloria Ramirez)	113.25	X			
SAN XAVIER 228.6	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III (Felicia Nunez)	114.3	X			
	2. RACHEAL VILSON-STONER <i>(Absent)</i> (Olivia Villegas-Liston) <i>(Present)</i>	114.3	X			
SCHUK TOAK 180.6	1. ANTHONY J. FRANCISCO JR. <i>(Absent)</i> (Mario J.B. Juan) <i>(Present)</i>	90.3	X			X
	2. QUINTIN C. LOPEZ (John Fendenheim)	90.3	X			
SELLS 513.5	1. ARTHUR WILSON (Beverly Rivas)	256.75	X			
	2. BARBARA HAVIER ()	256.75	X			X
SIF OIDAK 231.6	1. LUCINDA ALLEN (Nicholas Jose)	115.80	X			
	2. MARY LOPEZ ()	115.80	X			
TOTAL		3,021.4	3,021.4	-0-	-0-	[07]