



Tribal Outreach Update

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Background

Colorado has two Federally-recognized Tribes

- Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
 - 2,000 members
 - Towaoc and Blanding Utah
- Southern Ute Indian Tribe
 - 1,400 members
 - Ignacio

In addition to the Tribes, about 50,000 Native Americans from more than 80 different tribes live in Colorado, mostly along the Front Range. Large numbers of Lakota and Sioux.

Marketplace Responsibility

- Formal relationship with Tribal Leaders
- Following Consultation Policy created in Dec. 2011
- Regular updates sent to Tribal Leaders
- Annual consultation meetings on reservations
- Support Tribes with their interests in working with the Marketplace to help members enhance access to health care

Outreach Activities

- Ute Mountain Ute Consultation July 16, 2013 in Towoac
- Southern Ute Consultation July 24, 2013 in Ignacio
- Created American Indian Resource page on website
- Finalizing brochures and materials
- Participating in local, state and federal meetings related to American Indian health care
- Partnering with front range organizations to serve urban Indian communities
- Member of CCIA Health and Wellness Committee

Areas of Focus

- Supporting Tribes and American Indian communities with health insurance coverage, questions, exemption process and other health care regulations
- Increasing outreach in Front Range
- Sponsoring Indian Biz Expo March 21 and pursuing additional outreach at March Powwow in Denver
- Supporting Assistance Network and Certified Application Counselor programs related to American Indians
 - Ute Mountain Ute Tribe to become Assistance Site
 - Indian Health Center in Towaoc has trained CACs
- Connecting Southern Ute Indian Tribe with local Assistance Sites
- Scheduling Annual Consultation Meeting