

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE

23<sup>rd</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2018

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; SUPPORT FOR LIFTING ENROLLMENT FREEZE  
ON ARIZONA KIDSCARE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS

- A. The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee (HEHSC) is established as a Standing Committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight on matters involving health. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A) and 400 (C)(1).
- B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'íyáti' Committee to coordinate with all committees, Chapters, branches and entities concerned with all Navajo appearances and testimony before Congressional committees, and departments of the United States government. See 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 700 (A), 701 (A)(8).
- C. Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) offers health insurance through KidsCare - Arizona's Children's Health Insurance Program for eligible children (under age 19) who are not eligible for other AHCCCS health insurance. See [www.azahcccs.gov](http://www.azahcccs.gov).
- D. Approximately 15,000 Native American children are eligible for Arizona's KidsCare Health Insurance Program at no cost to their families. See Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care, Resolution 01-2018, **Exhibit A**.
- E. Arizona state statute mandates the Arizona's KidsCare Health Insurance Program to be automatically frozen on October 1, 2019, when the federal match decreases from 100% to 90%. See **Exhibit A**.
- F. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation and Navajo Children to support lifting the enrollment freeze for the Arizona's KidsCare Health Insurance Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

- A. The Navajo Nation supports lifting the enrollment freeze for the Arizona's KidsCare Health Insurance Program and urges the Arizona Governor and the Arizona Legislature to take appropriate action with regard to lifting the enrollment freeze.
- B. The Navajo Nation authorizes the Navajo Nation President, or his designee, and the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, or designee, along with the Health, Education and Human Services Committee to advocate the Navajo Nation's position relative to the Arizona's KidsCare Health Insurance Program.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 13 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018.



LoRenzo C. Bates, Chairman  
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

Motioned: Honorable Jonathan Perry  
Second : Honorable Edmund Yazzie

Chairman LoRenzo C. Bates not voting

Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care  
Resolution 01-2018



**"SUPPPORT FOR LIFTING THE ENROLLMENT FREEZE TRIGGER ON KIDSCARE"**

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care (AACIHC) was established in 1989 by the Arizona State Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, the membership of the AACIHC is comprised of 24 members appointed by the Governor of the State of Arizona representing, Tribal governments, Urban Indian health organizations, and the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, and 4 state agency members appointed by their respective state agency Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the AACIHC is to, "Advocate for wellness and access to high quality healthcare for all American Indians in Arizona", with regard to the development of Tittle XIX (Medicaid) and Title XXI (Children's Health Insurance Program) demonstration programs, services, and polices; and,

**WHEREAS**, the A.R.S. 36-2902.02 provides authorities to the AACIHC to recommend and advocate for health care related policy and legislation in Arizona that will beneficially impact Tribes in Arizona; and,

**WHEREAS**, access to comprehensive, quality health care services is important for promoting and maintaining health, preventing and managing disease, reducing unnecessary disability and premature death, and achieving health equity;

**WHEREAS**, the uninsured rate for American Indian children in Arizona is sixty-three percent higher than any other racial and ethnic group in the state;

**WHEREAS**, almost 15,000 American Indian children are eligible for the Arizona's KidsCare health insurance program at no cost to their families;

**WHEREAS**, state statute mandates the Arizona's KidsCare health insurance program to be automatically frozen on October 1, 2019, when the federal match decreases from one hundred percent to ninety percent;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Arizona AACIHC commits to supporting efforts to prevent an automatic freeze to the KidsCare program;

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, that the AACIHC urges action from the Arizona legislature and the Governor to remove the statutory trigger and appropriate sufficient state funding to preserve the KidsCare program as a health insurance coverage option for American Indian children in Arizona;

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the AACIHC at a regular meeting on December 10, 2018 with a quorum present.

  
Chair

**ATTEST:**

  
Executive Director

NAVAJO NATION

RCS# 1172

Naa'bik'iyati Committee

12/27/2018

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PASSED

MOT Perry  
SEC Yazzie

Legislation 0428-18 Support for  
Lifting Enrollment Freeze on  
Arizona Kids Care Health...

Yea : 13

Nay : 0

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 11

**Yea : 13**

Begay, K  
Bennett  
Chee  
Daniels

Filfred  
Hale  
Jack

Kieyoomia  
Perry  
Shepherd

Tso  
Yazzie  
Yellowhair

**Nay : 0**

**Excused : 0**

**Not Voting : 11**

Bates  
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Crotty  
Damon

Pete  
Phelps  
Slim

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