

TRIBAL AND INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

Regarding _____

Date: _____

Dear _____:

The individual shown above has indicated they are a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe or eligible for Indian Health Services (IHS), which means they may be exempt from paying Medicaid/NC Health Choice for Children enrollment fees, copayments, and premiums in the future.

To be eligible for these exemptions, verification must be provided to show that they are:

1. A member of a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe,
2. A descendant of a member of a tribe or
3. A pregnant woman carrying the child of a tribal member.

If they are a pregnant woman carrying a child of a tribal member, they will no longer be eligible for exemptions once their pregnancy benefits end.

Below is a list of items that can be provided to the Medicaid caseworker to verify tribal/IHS status:

- A document issued by a federally recognized tribe indicating tribal membership
- An enrollment card
- A certificate of degree of Indian blood issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs
- A tribal census document
- Any document indicating affiliation with a tribe.
- A letter from a tribe verifying eligibility for IHS

If you have additional questions or concerns, contact your caseworker at _____ for information, or call the NC Medicaid Contact Call Center toll free at 1-888-245-0179.