



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2000:86

IHS TO WORK WITH HCFA TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT DESIGNATION POLICY

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprising twenty-four (24) federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Health Services Division operates an inpatient Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Center known as the Partridge House that serves all American Indians; and
- WHEREAS,** the Partridge House accepts patients from all reservations regardless of ability to pay; and
- WHEREAS,** the Partridge House has a proven recovery rate of 42% for the period of 1986 through 1996, and 47% during the past three year period (1997 - 2000); and
- WHEREAS,** during the same period, the Partridge House has served a total of 74 clients from outside of New York State; and
- WHEREAS,** the majority of clients served at the Partridge House are potentially eligible for Medicaid; and
- WHEREAS,** Medicaid reimbursement guidelines are defined on a state-by-state basis which is a barrier to receiving reimbursement for out-of-state, Medicaid eligible clients for the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Health Services Division ; and
- WHEREAS,** Title IV of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (P.L. 94-437), as amended, provides the authority for tribes to receive Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement for health care services to American Indians; and
- WHEREAS,** the Indian Health Service (IHS) has a Memorandum of Agreement with the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) regarding the facilitation of said reimbursements; and
- WHEREAS,** the IHS operates twelve regional youth treatment centers that do face the same circumstances; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** the USET Board of Directors requests the IHS to work with HCFA to establish a national Medicaid reimbursement designation policy to allow reimbursement by a state Medicaid program to a tribal facility for services to an out-of-state American Indian; be it further
- RESOLVED,** that such designation be specifically granted for the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Health Services Division Partridge House related to services provided to American Indians outside of New York State.

“Because there is strength in Unity”

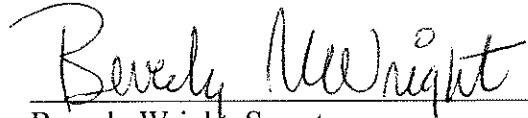
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CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Board Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Houston, TX Thursday, June 8, 2000.



Keller George, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



Beverly Wright, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.