REQUEST FOR FORMAL TRIBAL CONSULTATION FROM THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND
MEDICAID SERVICES

WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization
comprised of 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 Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) is an operating division of the
Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); and

WHEREAS, CMS is responsible for determining reimbursement rates for covered services provided at
tribal health facilities to American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) people which directly
affects revenue generation for tribal health facilities; and

WHEREAS, the DHHS and all operating divisions have a Tribal Consultation and Participation policy in
place to allow for meaningful tribal input regarding decisions that will directly affect tribes; and

WHEREAS, the USET tribes served by the Nashville Area Office (NAO) of the Indian Health Service
(IHS) want the opportunity to consult with CMS on any changes regarding reimbursement
rates, policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the USET tribes do not consider Tribal Leader letters as formal consultation; therefore, be
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RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors respectfully requests that CMS provide a forum to allow for
direct input from tribes regarding any decisions that would impact the manner in which
tribes bill and collect reimbursement for covered services provided to eligible AI/AN people
by tribal health care delivery systems.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in

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

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

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