



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

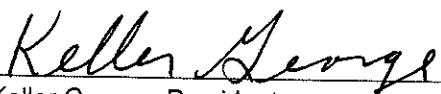
USET Resolution No. 2002:092

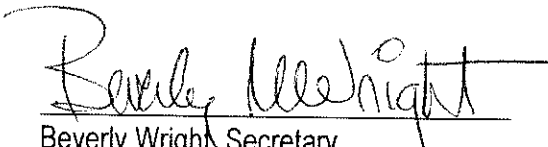
REQUEST FOR FORMAL TRIBAL CONSULTATION FROM THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES

- 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 it
- 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 Nashville, TN, Thursday, June 13, 2002.


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


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