



**Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)  
Section 1115 Waiver Renewal  
Questions and Responses**

1. Would this waiver address the continuation of the Tribal Uncompensated Care program?

**DHCS Response:** DHCS will seek to continue the Tribal Uncompensated Care claiming authority that exists under the current Bridge to Reform Waiver into the next Waiver.

2. Thank you for your Memorandum of February 17, we appreciate the information provided, your pursuit of the waiver and the opportunity to ask questions and comment. Our questions/comments relate to the key concepts expected to change in the waiver renewal and are as follows:
  - a. **Workforce development in the request for Federal and Shared savings:** we would like to have an expanded understanding of “workforce development”, particularly on how our organization may be able to participate.
  - b. **DSRIP 2.0 :** as the principal ambulatory care provider to the very rural communities we serve, we would like to better understand your definition of *Delivery System Transformation and improvement of care transitions*, as well as how “integrating behavioral health and primary care” can be incorporated into our current program and processes.
  - c. **Workforce Development:** the waiver mentions the development of pilot projects for voluntary workforce training targeting high-need populations. We would like to learn more about participation in pilot projects and what process we would need to follow in order to do so.
  - d. **Expanded use of Telehealth:** Our remote locations are an ideal backdrop for maximizing the utility of Telehealth technology. Finding providers to service our area is challenging, we are very interested in maximizing IT as a way to deliver care to needy populations that are now having to travel long distances for care that could be delivered remotely.

- e. **Impact to Indian Medi-Cal Beneficiaries:** We understand that Indian Medi-Cal beneficiaries may also continue to have access to services not currently available in the Medi-Cal program through TUCP, we would like to better understand how adult dental services is defined in this expanded service.

**DHCS Response:**

We appreciate your comments and interest in the proposed waiver renewal areas. Incentives under the rubric of delivery system transformation and alignment programs are expected to be primarily administered through managed care plans and county health systems in collaboration with their contracted providers.

DHCS is seeking to continue the same Tribal Uncompensated Care claiming authority that exists under the current Bridge to Reform Waiver, with no changes to the service or eligibility criteria.