

Committee: Health
Date: 07-30-10 Committee Date: 08-17-10

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RESOLUTION NO. 80-10

COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE TRIBAL MANAGEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government in behalf of the Cherokee people;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation is a federally recognized Indian Nation with a historic and continual government to government relationship with the United States of America;

WHEREAS, the Health Services Group has completed an operational assessment of Medical Records Departments at its health facilities and has identified opportunities for improving business process efficiency and reducing ongoing costs;

WHEREAS, the Health Services Group is in need of funding to meet new and pending requirements under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Patient Protection and Affordability Act, and the pending implementation of ICD-10;


WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service has published a notice of availability of funding.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council hereby authorizes a proposal be prepared and submitted to the Indian Health Service in the amount of \$300,000 to train staff and meet regulatory requirements; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that the Principal Chief (or his designee) shall be authorized to conduct negotiations and execute all official documents in this regard.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 13th day of September, 2010, having 16 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 16 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.



Meredith A. Frailey, Speaker
Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:



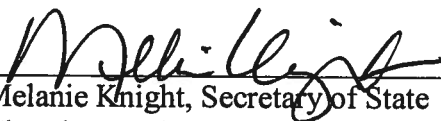
Don Garvin, Secretary
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 17th day of SEPTEMBER, 2010.



Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:



Melanie Knight, Secretary of State
Cherokee Nation

**ADMINISTRATIVE
CLEARANCE**

Dept/Program:

Signature/Initial Date

Group Leader:

Signature/Initial Date

Finance (if needed):

Signature/Initial Date

Government Resources:

Signature/Initial Date

Administration Approval:

Signature/Initial Date

LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE:

Legal & Legislative Coordinator:

Signature/Initial Date

Standing Committee & Date:

Chairperson:

Signature/Initial Date

Returned to Presenter:

Date

**Cherokee Nation
Act/Resolution Proposal Form**

Act Resolution

TITLE: Indian Health Service Tribal Management Grant Application

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Marge Burton

RESOLUTION PRESENTER: Melissa Gower

COUNCIL SPONSOR: Bradley Cobb and Janelle Fullbright

NARRATIVE:

A resolution to allow Health Services Group to submit a grant application to Indian Health Service in the amount of \$300,000 for business process improvement.

This grant will develop and implement practices to improve third party collections by identifying areas for improvement in documentation, coding, billing and claims follow-up, resulting in a 10% increase in 3rd party revenues during the 3-year grant period.

The ICD-9 coding system is over 30 years old. The implementation date for ICD-10 has been established as 10/1/2013. Physicians, coders and business office personnel will require training in this new coding system. Of 63 existing coders, only 15 currently are certified on ICD-9.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid have significantly expanded auditing of claims and services including the implementation of the following programs: Recovery Audit Contractors (RAC), Medicare Administrative Contractors (MAC), Medicaid Integrity Contractors (MIC), and Zone Program Integrity Contractors (ZPIC). This expanded audit effort requires training of employees and improvement of processes.

Health Services desires to improve its business processes to eliminate waste, reduce costs and maximize legitimate reimbursement from third party payers.

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