



Covered California

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Dear **Plan Contact**:

Thank you for your efforts to date in development of **Plan Name's** Essential Community Provider (ECP) network. ECP contracting supports the vision of Covered California which is to improve the health of all Californians by assuring their access to affordable, high quality care.

As a Qualified Health Plan partner with Covered California, you have a unique opportunity to impact the estimated 152,000 American Indians and Alaska Natives in California who are currently uninsured.

In an effort to increase provider access for American Indians and Alaska Natives, Covered California strongly encourages you to reach out to and contract with providers in the Indian health system, including the Indian Health Service, tribes and tribal organizations, and Urban Indian organization (I/T/U). The Indian health care system in California includes 39 Indian health centers. A comprehensive list of Title V Urban Indian Health Organizations and Federally Designated 638 Tribal Health Programs is attached for your convenience. In order to facilitate the inclusion of I/T/U providers in your provider networks, CMS developed the attached Model QHP Addendum for Indian Health Care Providers. Covered California encourages you to use the attached addendum to establish contract relationships with I/T/Us and to ensure that American Indians and Alaska Natives can continue to be served by their Indian provider of choice.

Adequate ECP networks are important to the success of Covered California. We appreciate the commitment **Plan Name** has demonstrated toward supporting community-based providers and look forward to working together to assure greater access to affordable health care to the Native American population in California.

Sincerely,

Pamela Power
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