Diabetes Diagnoses among urban American Indian & Alaska Natives

The number of urban American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) that have been diagnosed with diabetes continues to climb. While the prevalence of diabetes among non-Hispanic Whites living in urban areas has risen modestly over the past eight years (18% increase), the number of AI/AN living in the same areas who report having been told by a doctor that they have diabetes increased much faster (54% increase).

In an attempt to gain a greater understanding of the trends in diabetes services and outcomes among the AI/AN population, Indian health facilities nationwide conduct an annual medical chart review, also known as the Diabetes Care and Outcomes Audit, coordinated by the Indian Health Service Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention. Data collected by this audit provides an opportunity to gain insight into diabetes among urban AI/AN.

Each participating urban Indian health organization has received from the UIHI a site-specific report based on their unique patient population. An aggregate report examining all urban AI/AN programs will be available shortly on our website at www.uihi.org/publications. A Broadcast announcement will be sent when the report is available.

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