

# URBAN INDIAN HEALTH SUMMIT

## Framing Document

The recent passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act marked two significant changes for urban Indian health. First, the law will change the way direct medical care services are provided and how these services will be financed. Second, embedded in the new law was a permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act that included authorization of Title V, making urban Indians a permanent part of the Indian Health Service for the first time.

These changes will require urban Indian health organizations, and groups that partner with them, to become informed, engaged and active in health care reform. To support these aims, the Seattle Indian Health Board will host an Urban Indian Health Summit on January 13, 2011, in Washington, D.C. This monumental event, sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, will bring together urban Indian health organizations, policy makers, federal partners, community advocacy groups, private foundations, researchers and leaders in the field to address issues tied to the success of health care reform.

The Summit will help describe the complexities of urban Indian health, including issues related to the provision of culturally tailored services, mixed funding, data standards and definitions. Presenters will describe the challenges faced when striving to serve the urban Indian community. Leaders representing all sectors of health, from policy to service delivery, will discuss strategies to successfully address the changes that will occur as a result of the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

In conjunction with the Summit, a Pre-Summit health reform training will be held in partnership with the National Council of Urban Indian Health. This one-day meeting on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, will inform urban Indian health organizations about the Affordable Care Act's effects on providing and financing medical care.

Following the Summit, urban Indian health organizations will reconvene on Friday, January 14, 2011 to discuss the outcomes of the Summit and formulate a "Call for Action" that will outline strategies to ensure the success of health reform for urban Indians.