

Tribally Sponsored Health Insurance Program (T-SHIP)

What is (T-SHIP)?

Tribes and Tribal health organizations may now pay for health insurance for Alaska Native and American Indian people who qualify. The Alaska Tribal Health System is offering Tribally-Sponsored Health Insurance in Alaska on a limited trial basis. This sponsorship is a collaboration of 10-tribes and Tribal organizations, whose Board of Directors have committed funding for the project.

Will (T-SHIP) cost me anything?

“No.” The noted 10-tribes and Tribal organizations, pay for the insurance premium cost. Alaska Native and American Indian people also do not have to pay any co-payments or deductibles when they are seen or referred by Tribal health facilities.

What is the benefit of having (T-SHIP)?

Health insurance can help you get medical care when you are traveling or away from Tribal health facilities. Health insurance can also help make more services available for you and all Alaska Native and American Indian people. The program also offers free tax filing and enrollment assistance.

How do I Qualify?

Tribally-Sponsored Health Insurance staff will screen you, and your family to see if you qualify, or if you:

- Are you an Alaska resident
- Are eligible for Indian Health Services;
- Are not covered by or eligible for **Medicare Part A**, **Medicaid**, **Denali KidCare**, **TRICARE**, **CHAMPVA**, or affordable health insurance through an employer.

Does (T-SHIP) affect my IHS benefits?

“No.” You still get all services at Indian Health Service and Tribal hospitals and health clinics throughout Alaska and the United States. We want you to keep using your hospitals and health clinics wherever and whenever possible!

Who do I contact to see if I qualify?

- ❖ **Arctic Slope Native Association – Samuel Simmonds Hospital**
Arctic Slope Native Association Outreach: 1.907.852-9365
- ❖ **Kenaitze Indian Tribe – Dena'ina Health Clinic**
Dena'ina Wellness Center Un'ina Navigators:
1.907.335.7562 1.907.335.7504
- ❖ **Ketchikan Indian Community (KIC)**
1.907.882.9280
- ❖ **Kodiak Area Native Association**
<http://kodiakhealthcare.org/ask-kana/t-ship/>
- ❖ **Metlakatla Indian Community**
1.907.886.4741 ext.2010 1.907.886.4741 ext.2032
- ❖ **Norton Sound Health Corporation**
1.907.890.2001
- ❖ **Southcentral Foundation**
<https://www.southcentralfoundation.com/family-health-resources/tribally-sponsored-health-insurance/>
- ❖ **Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC)**
<https://searhc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/2020TSHIPPatientOne-Page-SEARHC.pdf>
- ❖ **Tanana Chiefs Conference**
1.907.451.6682 ext.3707
- ❖ **Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC)**
<https://searhc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/2018-TSHIP-FAQ-Oct-2017-1.pdf>

