

638 Self-Determination / Self-Governance

Tribal CSC Claims Assistance

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Did You Know?

REDW has been advising and advocating for Native American Tribes for

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Recoup Your Healthcare Contract Support Costs (CSC)

In a victory for Tribal Nations that pursue Self-Determination under PL 93-638, a recent Supreme Court decision now ensures that those with 638 contracts/compacts can be reimbursed by the Indian Health Service (IHS) for certain contract support costs related to healthcare program administration.

The new ruling requires that IHS pay Tribes for the contract support costs they incur in collecting and spending income from third-party payors—including Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurers—on eligible programs, functions, services, and activities under the contract/compact.

Timely Filing of Claims is Critical

Self-determination agreements include a **six-year statute of limitations** on claims for additional compensation. So to ensure your Tribe has the support it needs to file claims in a timely manner and in accordance with all requirements, it pays to retain REDW's team of Tribal finance experts to:

- Review program accounts
- Compile contract support costs
- Collaborate with Tribal counsel
- Support claim submission



Becerra v. San Carlos Apache Tribe

For 30 years, Tribal Nations have sought to recoup certain contract support costs related to the administration of health care programs under self-determination contracts—and on June 6, 2024, the Supreme Court agreed.

Ruling in favor of the San Carlos Apache and Northern Arapaho Tribes, the Supreme Court determined that covering these costs is "necessary to prevent a funding gap," effectively placing Tribal Nations on an equal footing with IHS in the delivery of healthcare services.

This landmark decision not only helps to secure critical healthcare resources in under-served communities, but also serves to affirm Tribal sovereignty.

Don't wait to recover vital healthcare dollars for your Tribal community—connect with us today!