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### Remittance Advice (RA) Message

**Title:** Care Coordination Agreements with Tribal Health Organizations

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**Message:** Over the next few months, providers may be contacted by Margie Bezona with Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) about developing care coordination agreements (CCA) with tribal health organizations. Ms. Bezona works closely with the Department of Health and Social Services' Tribal Health Section, coordinating the tracking of signed CCAs, a critical component of the tribal reclaiming initiative.

As described in State Health Official (SHO) letter #16-002 released on February 26, 2016, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services extended the options for pursuing 100% federal funding for services that American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Medicaid beneficiaries receive through a Tribal Health Organization. This means tribal providers may enter into care coordination agreements with non-tribal providers to furnish certain services for their patients who are AI/AN Medicaid beneficiaries. A CCA for the tribal reclaiming initiative is an agreement between tribal health organizations and a non-tribal provider outlining the referral, exchange of records, and delivery of services between the two entities. Although the State of Alaska benefits from signed agreements between tribal and non-tribal providers for tribal reclaiming, the state is not a participant or signatory.

If you are interested in learning more about entering into a CCA with the tribal health organizations, please contact Ms. Bezona at [mrbezona@anthc.org](mailto:mrbezona@anthc.org) or 907.729.2812 or 907.539.6763.

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