

## Tribal Talking Points

- The Governor's proposal is needed to preserve the financial viability of Indian Health Services (IHS) and tribally operated 638 facilities.
- The proposal impacts 25,000 childless adults that could be served under Proposition 204
- The State, working in partnership with tribal leaders obtained a special waiver, the only one of its kind in the country.
- The waiver allows AHCCCS to make supplemental payments to HIS and 638 facilities to assist in managing their uncompensated care, which has increased as a result of the childless enrollment freeze.
- AHCCCS will make approximately \$100 M in payments over the course of the waiver.
- That waiver authority expires December 31, 2013.
- The Governor's proposal to restore Proposition 204 coverage for childless adults and to include adults from 100-133% in AHCCCS coverage is critical in preserving the viability of the healthcare infrastructure that serves Arizona's over 200,000 American Indians.
- Preserving the capacity and viability of this system is needed to work toward addressing healthcare disparities that exists among the American Indian population.
- Tribal leaders have shown that their engagement can and does make a difference.
- AHCCCS and Tribes proved that through partnership we can achieve great things.
- We hope to achieve that once again working together to advance the Governor's initiative.