



TREATY No. 6



TREATY No. 7



TREATY No. 8

ASSEMBLY OF TREATY CHIEFS RESOLUTION

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SUBJECT: NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS

WHEREAS the Chiefs of Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7, Treaty No. 8 (Alberta) known as the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs did meet in a duly convened Special Chiefs Assembly on Health held at the Edmonton Marriot, River Cree Resort & Casino in Enoch Cree Nation on January 26th & 27th, 2010; and

WHEREAS all Health and Health Care Services including Non Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) is considered by the First Nations of Treaty No. 6, 7 & 8 to be a Treaty Right as per the written text of Treaty No. 6 where in it states “that a Medicine Chest be kept in the home of each Indian Agent for the use and benefit of said Indians”; and

WHEREAS our forefathers had insisted that this clause be inserted in 1876 to be added to Treaty No. 6 terms and conditions to share the lands with the new comers; and

WHEREAS the Crown in the Right of Canada addressed the Canada Health Act in 1970; and

WHEREAS there have been drastic cuts to the Non Insured program which includes Dental, Optometry Services, Prescriptions, Medical Transportation, Medical Supplies & Equipment and the Mental Health Program; and

WHEREAS Professionals who would normally bill the NIHB Program find the administrative burden overwhelming and most are denied by the program and therefore refuse to work with the program; and

WHEREAS Our peoples now have to pay first and then try to get reimbursed by NIHB which causes undue hardship for our peoples due to the fact that most of our peoples do not have the resources to be the first payer; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government imposed the Indian Health Care Policy 1979 that was to improve the Health of the First Nations Peoples.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs demand nothing less from the federal government, but to fulfill its obligations under Treaty and the Indian Health Care Policy of 1979; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the FNIHB policy of the federal government being the payer of last resort on NIHB claims by First Nations people, be jointly reviewed by FNIHB and the First Nations leadership and technicians; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs direct FNIHB Alberta Region to recruit and hire "Aboriginal" personnel within the NIHB unit; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs demand that FNIHB conduct a feasibility study, to examine the high funding demands versus the need by First Nations to provide optimal health services to its members, within the envelope system of funding for First Nations that has been capped at 3% since 1996.

**MOVED BY: CHIEF EDDY MAKOKIS
SADDLE LAKE CREE NATION**

**SECONDED BY: CHIEF ROSE LABOUCAN
DRIFTPILE FIRST NATION**

QUESTION CALLED

VOTE: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FOR: 28 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

RESOLUTIONS CHAIRPERSON:


Marlene Poitras