



## **Breakthrough for Health: Legislators and Organization Unite to Save State Indian Health Program**

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The California Consortium for Urban Indian Health (CCUIH) is pleased to announce that Governor Newsom has preserved the State Indian Health Program following concerted advocacy efforts from multiple legislators and organizations.

In May, Governor Newsom announced eliminating the State Indian Health Program in the May Revise, which prompted widespread opposition and a vigorous advocacy campaign from CCUIH and other organizations. This crucial program, fully restored at \$23 million a year in ongoing funding in 2023, has again been recognized for its essential role in providing healthcare services and addressing the unique needs of American Indian communities across the state.

*“We are thrilled by this decision,”* said Sonya Tetnowski, President of CCUIH and CEO of the Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley. *“This reinstatement is a testament to the power of collective advocacy and the importance of addressing the unique healthcare needs of our community.”*

Thank you to everyone who advocated, shared, wrote letters, and kept the momentum up to save the State Indian Health Program. CCUIH will continue to work closely with state lawmakers to ensure the sustained support and effectiveness of the State Indian Health Program.

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