



**RESOLUTION OF THE  
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE  
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

**(Health Plan Delegation)**

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe, as a federally recognized Indian tribal government, with inherent rights of self governance, and pursuant to its Tribal Constitution, exercises rights of self determination through its elected Council, and enjoys a government-to-government relationship with the federal government of the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has retained the authority, powers and duties to establish and maintain programs to promote the health, welfare, and retirement security of its members and employees; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal health plan contains provisions designed to ensure that Indian Health Service and Contract Health Service are primary when applicable, and to obtain discounts under the Medicare Modernization Act if or when available; and

**WHEREAS,** coordination of the foregoing impacts core rights of sovereignty and health care of members beyond the employee health plan.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes and directs that all contacts with IHS or CHS with regard to the foregoing be conducted on a government-to-government basis by a delegation consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer, with the goal of developing protocols and procedures providing for the orderly and direct exchange of information between designated officials, employees, and plan service providers as appropriate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the above delegation to invoke Executive Order 13175 to obtain coordination and cooperation with IHS and CHS regarding the above, and to develop protocols and procedures, documented through a Memorandum of Agreement as appropriate, for the sharing of information needed to implement the foregoing.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall govern.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on JULY 8, 2011 duly adopted by a vote of SIX for and ZERO against and by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe

**Resolution No. 07-2011-141**

September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



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Ronnie Lupe, Chairman of the Tribal Council



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Mariddie J. Craig, Secretary of the Tribal Council