



Advantages of Having a Tribal Nursing Home

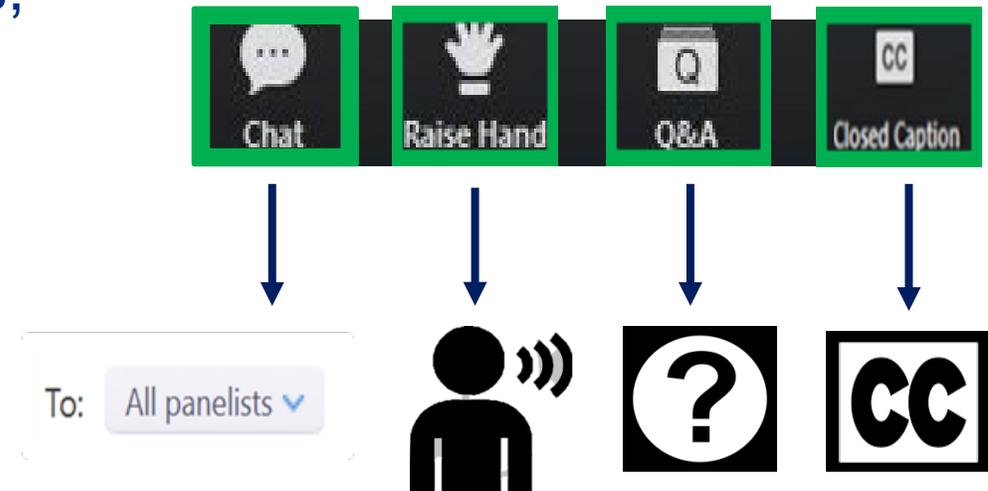
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Objectives

- Discuss the funding process
- Explain how tribal nursing homes contribute to economic development
- Highlight the role of tribal nursing homes in cultural preservation



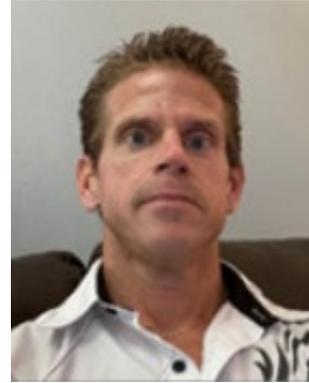
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Introduction

- Importance of a tribal nursing home
- Sovereign control
- Economic development
- Cultural preservation
- Language continuity
- Access to health care services
- Community connection
- Improved quality of life
- Tailored health care programs

IHS and 638 Agreement

- Overview of the Indian Health Service (IHS): A federally operated service providing health care to American Indians and Alaska Natives
- 638 agreement: Enables tribes to directly manage and operate programs that the IHS would otherwise provide
- Role of the tribal council: Essential in initiating the 638 agreement, fostering community involvement, and ensuring the alignment of the nursing home's operations with tribal needs

State Plan Amendment

- State Plan Amendment process: Allows for modifications in Medicaid services, including the potential for higher reimbursement rates for tribal nursing homes
- Benefits: Economically advantageous for the tribe, leads to better resources for residents, improves health care provision, and saves state funds

State License and Federal Certification

Importance: Ensures the facility meets health care standards and regulations, guarantees the nursing home's commitment to providing safe and quality care

Process: Involves inspections, applications, and potential adjustments to meet all health care standards and regulations



Administrator Licensing



Role: Ensures the smooth operation of the nursing home, liaises with staff, residents, and families, manages finances, ensures compliance with health care regulations

Website: nabweb.org/home



Licensing requirements: Varies by state, typically involves educational criteria, experience in health care administration, passing a licensing examination

Website: achca.memberclicks.net/



Sovereign Control

Concept of tribal sovereignty: Recognizes tribes as distinct, independent political communities within the U.S., with authority to govern themselves

Impact on health care services: Enables tribes to customize health care services based on their specific cultural values and community needs

Benefits: More culturally appropriate care, self-governance leading to flexibility and better adaptation to community-specific needs



Economic Development

- Job creation: Projected number of jobs that the nursing home project will generate, contributing to lower unemployment rates
- Long-term economic impact: Income generation, potential for further community development, increased economic stability



Cultural Preservation

Importance: Ensures the continuation of traditions and cultural practices, keeping the community's cultural identity alive

Effects of cultural immersion: Leads to better mental and emotional health, provides a sense of belonging and identity

Integration into care programs: Use of traditional practices in daily care, traditional foods, events and celebrations

Language Continuity



Role of nursing homes: Can provide an environment where the Native language is spoken regularly, helping to preserve the language and pass it on to future generations



Benefits: Enhances cognitive health, strengthens cultural identity, improves intergenerational relationships



Language initiatives: Language classes, conversation circles, bilingual staff members



Access to Health Care Services

Importance: A local nursing home ensures that elderly tribal members have easy access to necessary health care services

Difficulty in accessing health care: Often due to distance, transportation issues, lack of culturally appropriate services

Benefits: Improved management of chronic diseases, better overall health outcomes, reduced hospital readmission rates

Community Connection

- Role of elders: Valued members of the community, repositories of wisdom, cultural leaders, educators of the younger generations
- Importance of community involvement: Promotes socialization, emotional support, reduces feelings of isolation
- Nursing home's role: Facilitates community engagement through events, volunteering opportunities, mentorship programs



Improved Quality of Life

Familiar surroundings: A local nursing home ensures elders remain close to family, friends, and familiar environments

Culturally appropriate care: Respects and incorporates cultural values, traditions, and dietary preferences, enhancing satisfaction

Specific features: Comfortable accommodations, community spaces, provision for traditional practices

Tailored Health Care Programs

- Prevalent health issues: Discuss specific health problems common in the tribe that the nursing home is equipped to address
- Specialized care: Availability of specific programs to manage chronic diseases, mental health issues, rehabilitation services
- Collaboration potential: Partnerships with other health institutions for specialized services, research, training



Questions?

