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“Improving Indian Health through Tribal-State Collaboration”

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Seattle Indian Health Board
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Agenda

Tribal Health Benefits Coordinators Workgroup

February 7, 2016

9 am to 10:30 am

1. Updates from the Washington Health Benefit Exchange Tribal Advisory Workgroup:

a. Move workgroup to 3rd Tuesday following WAHBE touchbase?

b. Split Application Status-

i. Cost to fix \$1.4 Million

ii. Asked for other options-

1. Paper applications

2. Account divided once received by insurance carrier

2. Repeal of the Affordable Care Act:

a. No expected changes for 2017 coverage

b. Repeal through budget reconciliation- what's protected, what is not

3. Tribal Assister Troubleshooting Question:

“I am having to renew applications due to the proof of income for our Tribal Distributions. These are reportable, however, they are only \$1375 bi-annually. Because there is only two options for the frequency, One-time or Monthly, the amount has been reported as \$229.00 / Monthly. If this is their only reportable income can we not report it? As in the income is well below the poverty guidelines.”

4. We have funding for In Person Training!

What Topics Need to be Covered?

5. Medicaid Updates:

a. Update of Mental Health Services Moving from BHOs to FFS

b. Amerigroup- New Traditional benefits for Medicaid Managed Care Coverage

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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 21, after HBE's Touchbase Call