

# TRIBAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

## MISSION

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To create and promote collaborative relationships among the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, tribal health care stakeholders, sovereign tribal governments, federal agencies and nontraditional partners through meaningful communication. We strive to maximize partnerships to achieve shared goals and improve the health outcomes of Oklahomans.

## PURPOSE AND FUNCTION

### Subject matter expertise:

- Dedicated OHCA tribal government relations team.
- Stay informed of national tribal health care trends and political issues.
- Advise on tribal sovereignty issues.
- Liaison between agency and tribal elected officials.

### Tribal consultation:

- OHCA's rules promulgation process begins with tribal consultation.
- Leads agency efforts on tribal consultation.
- Carries out OHCA policy to ensure effective communication.
- Provides technical assistance for consultation needs.

### Tribal health care network support:

- SoonerCare and Insure Oklahoma partners with 78 tribal health care clinics and hospitals to help bridge the gap of health disparities with greater access to preventative and specialty care.
- OHCA provider agreements recognize tribal sovereignty.
- Community and provider engagement through billing support, ongoing training and enrollment.

### Community engagement:

- Partner support and tribal events.
- Culturally appropriate outreach strategies.

## Principles

- Innovative.
- Responsive.
- Collaborative.

## State-Tribal Relations

OHCA's tribal consultation model has been considered the standard for Medicaid state-tribal relations.

## Multidisciplinary

Any given day is different. TGR serves as agency point of contact for a variety of issues including:

- Contracting.
- Outreach.
- Provider needs.
- Constituent needs.

## Partnerships

OHCA is the first in many tribal collaborations. CMS and tribal partners have publicly lauded OHCA for positive relationships and tasked the agency to speak on best practices.



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