

**SKOKOMISH HEALTH CARE ORDINANCE**

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**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**2.10.001 Title**

This Ordinance shall be known as the Skokomish Health Care Ordinance.

Reaffirmed by Resolution No. 17-100 (July 5, 2017)

**2.10.002 Authority and Declaration of Policy**

Health Services for Tribal Members are vital to the well-being of the Skokomish Indian Tribe. This Skokomish Health Care Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the inherent sovereign authority of the Skokomish Indian Tribe in accordance with the Treaty of Point No Point, the Constitution of the Skokomish Indian Tribe and applicable federal law. By this Ordinance and the regulations adopted under it, the Skokomish Indian Tribe intends to ensure that Skokomish Tribal members receive quality health services in a fair and equitable manner.

Reaffirmed by Resolution No. 17-100 (July 5, 2017)

**2.10.003 Jurisdiction**

The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the fullest extent of the sovereign jurisdiction of the Skokomish Indian Tribe authorized by the Constitution of the Skokomish Indian Tribe, the Treaty of Point No Point and applicable federal law. The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to and be in conformity with all agreements and other cooperative arrangements entered into by the Skokomish Indian Tribe. The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to all persons who are eligible to receive health services and benefits from the Skokomish Indian Tribe.

Reaffirmed by Resolution No. 17-100 (July 5, 2017)

**2.10.004 Liberal Construction**

This Ordinance shall be liberally construed to give full effect to the objectives and purposes for which it was enacted.

Reaffirmed by Resolution No. 17-100 (July 5, 2017)

**2.10.005 Severability**

If any provision of this Ordinance, or its application to any person, legal entity or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance, or the application of the provision to other persons, legal entities, or circumstances, shall not be affected.

Reaffirmed by Resolution No. 17-100 (July 5, 2017)

**HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE**

**2.10.010 Role of the Health Care Committee**

- (a) Health Care Committee Established. There is hereby established the Skokomish Health Care Committee (hereinafter "HCC").
- (b) Role of the HCC. The HCC shall act in an advisory capacity to the Tribal Council and shall have the authority to promote the health and well being of the Community through continuous oversight of tribal health programs. Community participation on the HCC is intended to give the community a

voice in the administrative decisions made by the Health and Social Services Departments and other departments administering Indian Health Service (IHS) funded programs. Stated aims for the HCC in carrying out its mission include respect for members of the Tribe, dedication to community service, equal access to services, and confidentiality. The HCC is an advisory committee only and does not have the power to make personnel decisions.

Reaffirmed by Resolution No. 17-100 (July 5, 2017)

## **OPERATION OF TRIBAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS**

### **2.10.020 Duties of the Health Administrator and HCC**

- (a) Duties of the Health Administrator: In addition to other duties assigned by the Tribal Council or the Tribal Manager, the Health Administrator or designee shall provide secretarial support, office supplies and access to phones, photocopy machines and fax machines to the HCC as required to carry out its duties.
- (b) Duties of the HCC. The HCC shall have the following duties:
- (1) Provide oversight to the Skokomish Health Services and Social Services Departments and other HIS funded programs;
  - (2) Review as requested policies and procedures for CHS/CHR as well as other health programs, services, and functions;
  - (3) Participate in the planning, assessment, and evaluation of health care services as requested and/or as may be recommended by the HCC;
  - (4) Work with Health Services and Social Services staff, other staff providing IHS funded services, and the community on short- and long-range planning for the Health and Social Services Departments and, as applicable, other departments providing IHS funded services;
  - (5) Participate in the development and implementation of a quality-assurance/improvement program for the Tribal Health Department;
  - (6) Recommend to the Tribal Council and/or applicable Tribal Administration improvements services and recommendations for additional services; and
  - (7) Perform other duties as they arise and/or may be recommended by the Tribal Council.

Reaffirmed by Resolution No. 17-100 (July 5, 2017)

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### **2.10.030 Policies and Procedures**

- (a) Additional Policies and Procedures. Except as already provided for within this Ordinance, the HCC may establish additional HCC Policies and Procedures by majority vote of its membership, subject to review and approval by the Tribal Council. The HCC may assist the Directors of the Health and Social Services Departments and other administrators of IHS funded programs in the formulation of program policies and procedures, consistent with applicable law.
  
- (b) Review. The HCC shall annually review the HCC Policies and Procedures, the Health Care Program Policies and Procedures, and the policies and procedures of the Tribe's other IHS funded programs.

Reaffirmed by Resolution No. 17-100 (July 5, 2017)

## AMENDMENTS

### **2.10.040 Amendments**

The Skokomish Tribal Council has the power to amend this ordinance at any time, on its own initiative or on the recommendation of the HCC.

Reaffirmed by Resolution No. 17-100 (July 5, 2017)

#### Legislative History prior to July 5, 2017

Adopted by Resolution No. 01-02 (January 17, 2001)  
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Reaffirmed by Resolution No. 17-100 (July 5, 2017)

+Ordinance and/or amendments not attached to the resolution in the Skokomish Tribal Archives