

Native American Rights Fund

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With continuing national debate about replacing the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare, it is important to prevent harmful side effects that could happen if American Indian and Alaska Native health care are not adequately considered in whatever form the final action plan takes. NARF [Staff Attorney Brett Lee Shelton](#) (Oglala Lakota) was a contributing author to this timely and definitive paper exploring the issues that must be considered in order to protect the health of Native people.

OVERVIEW OF KEY CONSIDERATIONS IN AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH POLICY

As Congress begins debate on whether and how to repeal or replace the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA or Obamacare), American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) face considerable risk and uncertainty due to many special provisions in the ACA that were intended to address longstanding underfunding and health disparities. AI/ANs have a unique political standing in the United States and are the only population born with a legal right to health services.

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