



Receiving Health Care Services During COVID-19 Pandemic

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Nearly 27 million Americans may have lost their employer-based health insurance due to the skyrocketing layoffs stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a recently published report by the Kaiser Family Foundation. If you are a Little Shell tribal citizen, you qualify for services provided by the Indian Health Service (IHS), as well as special monthly Affordable Care Act Marketplace enrollment periods.

Indian Health Service

The IHS provides health service delivery to tribal citizens of the 574 federally recognized tribes. In order to begin receiving services through an IHS facility, you must contact the facility's patient registration in order to register and establish your medical record. All you need is your Little Shell tribal enrollment card. After registering you can schedule a medical appointment. You may also choose to walk-in to a facility but pre-registering will decrease your wait time.

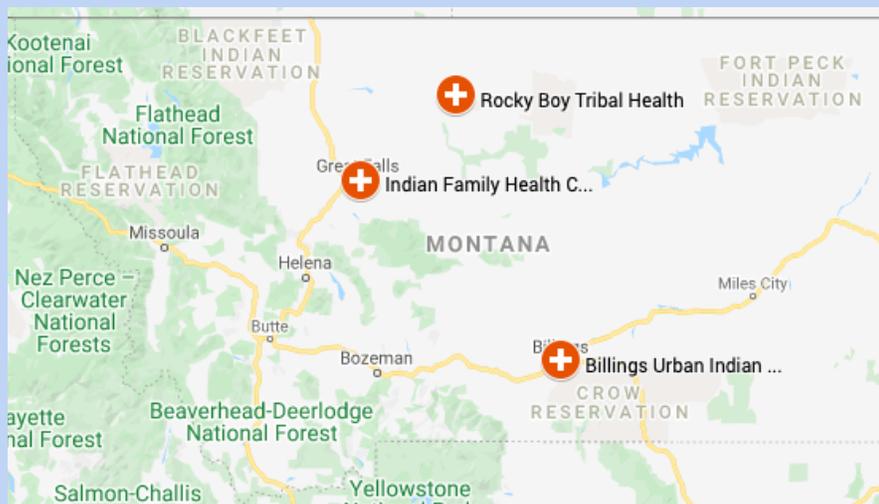
Facilities Nearest to the Tribe's Service Area

Indian Family Health Clinic
1220 Central Ave
Suite 2B
Great Falls, MT 59401
(406) 268-1510

Billings Urban Indian Health & Wellness Center
1230 N. 30th Street
Billings, MT, 59101
(406) 534-4558

Rocky Boy Tribal Health
6850 Upper Box Elder RD
Box Elder, MT 59521
(406) 395-4486

Find more IHS facilities at:
<https://www.ihs.gov/billings/healthcarefacilities/>



Affordable Care Act Marketplace

The Affordable Care Act (“ACA”) included a permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, which extended current law and authorized new programs and services within the Indian Health Service. ACA provides American Indians and Alaska Natives with more health care choices depending on an individual's eligibility and the coverage available in their state. Choices include:

- Continuing to use IHS, tribal, and/or urban Indian health programs;
- Enrolling in a qualified health plan (QHP) through the Marketplace; and
- Accessing coverage through Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program

Under the Affordable Care Act, tribal citizens of federally-recognized tribes are allowed to purchase and enroll in Marketplace health insurance coverage monthly rather than just during the yearly open enrollment period.

Indian Health Service – FAQ's on the ACA: <https://www.ihs.gov/aca/faq/>

Find out more about Montana's options here: <https://www.healthcare.gov/get-coverage/>

Health Coverage for American Indians and Alaska Natives: <https://www.healthcare.gov/american-indians-alaska-natives/coverage/>