Myths and facts

I don’t need health insurance because I am an IHS beneficiary.
By enrolling in health coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicaid or Medicare, you have better access to services that your Tribal health clinic or hospital may not provide. If you enroll, you can keep getting services from your Tribal health clinic or hospital the same way you do now. When you get services from your Tribal health clinic or hospital, they can bill your insurance program, which helps provide more services to others throughout the Tribal health system.

I can’t afford health insurance.
Many Alaska Native and American Indian people may be eligible for lower insurance costs based on income through the Health Insurance Marketplace. Health insurance such as Medicaid, Medicare (A Only), or VA Health Benefits do not cost anything.

Contact your Health Benefits Specialist for more information and help enrolling.
The ANMC Health Benefits Specialist Department was created to assist patients with their eligibility in programs such as Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance.

Health Benefits Specialist representatives can assist in the entire enrollment and renewal process for health insurance programs.

**Why is health insurance important to you?**

With ANMC’s commitment to providing high-quality care and services, we depend on more than Indian Health Service (IHS) funding to fully succeed in our mission.

Every time you provide your health insurance information to the hospital or clinic, you help us strengthen health care services for our people for generations to come.

**Do you qualify for health insurance? Complete the short quiz below.**

Are there any children in your household?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Is anyone pregnant in your household?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Are you 19-20 years of age or 65 years of age or older?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Do you have a medical condition that will prevent you from working for the next 12 months?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you might qualify for health insurance.

Present this completed quiz to any ANMC clinic and they will have a Health Benefits Specialist determine if you are eligible.

**What are the benefits of getting health insurance?**

Health insurance brings peace of mind knowing that you are covered when you need it.

- Access to any doctor who accepts your plan
- No out-of-pocket costs at IHS, Tribal, or urban Indian health facilities
- Covered preventive services, including prenatal care
- Covered pre-existing conditions