

## **PATIENT MEDICAL LODGING AND MEALS**

**WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal health and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture of the Interior Alaska Native; and

**WHEREAS,** TCC compacts and contracts for Indian Health Service (IHS) funding for Native Alaskan peoples living in the TCC Region. TCC Health Service's vision is "Healthy People Across Generations"; and

**WHEREAS,** Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center (CAIHC) is based in Fairbanks, Alaska, which requires rural patients to travel into Fairbanks for planned and unplanned health care needs; and

**WHEREAS,** Traveling in or out of rural Alaska can be difficult due to limited flights, limited hotel availability and inclement weather. Patients are often required to extend their stay in Fairbanks due to unplanned follow-up care, weather complications, and plane cancellations with little or no resources or support; and

**WHEREAS,** During these unexpected stays and unforeseen circumstances, patients can experience difficulties contacting patient travel afterhours, and on weekends and holidays to extend their stay.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs staff to review current patient travel policies to develop and/or improve existing policies and procedures to: (1) ensure that patients have all of the travel information and accommodations they require in a timely manner during routine care and in the event of a medivac; and (2) to prevent unnecessary delay or cancellation of medical care due to the lack of adequate lodging and transportation when traveling outside of their home community.

**RESOLUTION 2023 - 13**  
**Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors**



**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2023 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charlie Wright", written over a horizontal line.

**Charlie Wright**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**



**Submitted by:** Tanana Tribal Council