



National Indian Council on Aging

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Dear Member of Congress:

The National Indian Council on Aging is pleased to provide you with a copy of our latest publication, entitled, "Tribal Guide for Elder Care: A Primer on Long-Term Care Services & Financing for Indian Elders." This Guide, published through support from the Retirement Research Foundation, is designed to assist Tribes and their Tribal members as well as inform policy makers about how to make long-term care services available to Native Elders who need them. It provides a comprehensive introduction to the resources available for long-term care and the rules that accompany them.

The National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) serves as the nation's foremost national non-profit advocate for American Indian and Alaska Native elders. Founded in 1976 by the National Tribal Chairmen's Association, NICOA maintains close ties to American Indian and Alaska Native Elders and the Tribal leaders that represent them. The organization works diligently to keep both groups informed of proposed national legislative and regulatory policies affecting Native Elders in reservation, rural and urban settings.

For nearly three decades, NICOA has provided leadership and effective advocacy in the field of Indian aging. The organization has been actively involved in public policy and research efforts on federal, state, and local levels. Interpreting Indian aging issues for Congressional subcommittees, federal task forces, state aging organizations, long-term care providers, Indian organizations, tribal- and inter-tribal councils, NICOA continually represents the interests of all American Indian and Alaska Native Elders nationwide.

For more information or to request additional copies of this publication, please feel free to contact our office at 505-292-2001 or visit our website at <http://www.nicoa.org>.

Sincerely,

James T. DeLaCruz, Sr., Chairman

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