

# Special Diabetes Program for Indians Institute

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## NIHB Legislative Priorities – 117<sup>th</sup> Congress

- NIHB Legislative and Policy Agenda
  - Improving Response to COVID-19
  - Increase Telehealth Capacity
  - Full Funding and Mandatory Appropriations for IHS
    - Advanced Appropriations
  - Improved Public Health Infrastructure in Indian Country
  - Permanency and Self-Governance of SDPI
    - Permanently reauthorize SDPI at a minimum \$250 million, with automatic annual funding increases tied to inflation
    - Receive SDPI awards through 638 contracting
    - Increase baseline funding to address stagnant funding and expand reach to additional Tribes



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## SDPI Legislative History



- 116<sup>th</sup> Congress;
  - [HR 2680](#) – Rep. Tom O'Halleran: Reauthorize alone for 5 years at \$200 million annually
  - [HR 2700](#) – Rep. Michael Burgess: 1 or 2 year straight reauthorization of all health extenders at level funding
  - [S 192](#) – Sen. Lamar Alexander: straight, flat-funded reauthorization of all health extenders through FY 2024
  - [HR 2668](#) – Diane DeGette: only reauthorized SDP (Type 1 diabetes programs for 4 years at \$200 million
  - [S 3937](#) – Sen Martha McSally: Reauthorized SDPI through FY 2025, increased funding to \$200 million, and receive funding through self-determination/self-governance contracts

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## SDPI Today

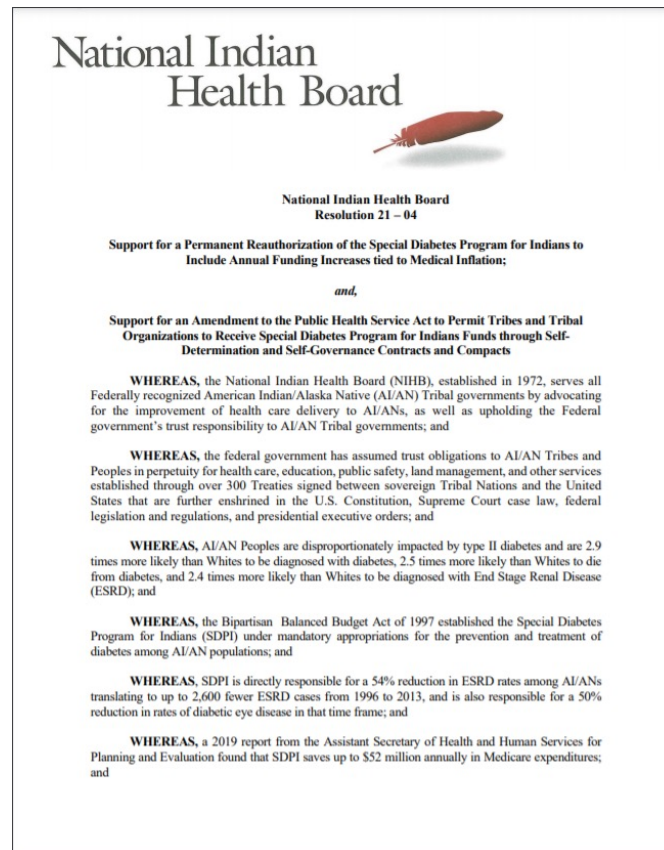
- SDPI is currently authorized, at level funding (\$150 million), through Fiscal Year 2023 (FY 2023)
  - Authorized alongside other health extenders in the year-end appropriations package passed in December 2020
  - In 2020 alone, SDPI endured six short-term extensions, ranging from a few days to a few months



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## NIHB SDPI Resolution of Support

- On February 26, 2021, the National Indian Health Board of Directors passed a resolution supporting permanent reauthorization of SDPI at \$250 million annually, with automatic annual funding increases matched to the rate of medical inflation, and allowing Tribes and Tribal organization to receive funds through self-determination and self-governance contracts and compacts



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## SDPI in the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress



- Currently, no legislation has been introduced regarding SDPI
- Because SDPI, and other health programs, are on semi long-term extensions, the political will in Congress to take further action on SDPI is slim
- NIHB will continue to advocate and work with Members of Congress to introduce legislation this year to increase the amount and amend for self-governance provisions

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## Questions and Discussion

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