

109TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 972

To designate the Albuquerque Indian Health Center as a critical access facility and to provide funds for that Center.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 28, 2005

Mr. BINGAMAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Albuquerque Indian  
5       Health Center Act of 2005”.

6       **SEC. 2. CRITICAL ACCESS FACILITY FUNDING.**

7       (a) DEFINITION OF CRITICAL ACCESS FACILITY.—

8       In this section, the term “critical access facility” means  
9       a comprehensive ambulatory care center that provides

1 services on a regional basis to Native Americans in Albu-  
2 querque, New Mexico, and surrounding areas.

3 (b) DESIGNATION.—The Albuquerque Indian Health  
4 Center (also known as the “Albuquerque Indian Hos-  
5 pital”) is designated as a critical access facility.

6 (c) OPERATIONS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
8 Human Services, acting through the Indian Health  
9 Service, shall provide funds made available under  
10 subsection (d) to the Albuquerque Indian Health  
11 Center to carry out the operations of that Health  
12 Center.

13 (2) SELF-DETERMINATION CONTRACTS.—The  
14 funds transferred under paragraph (1) shall not be  
15 distributed to any Indian tribe under section 102 of  
16 the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assist-  
17 ance Act (25 U.S.C. 450f).

18 (d) FUNDING.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—On October 1, 2005, out of  
20 any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appro-  
21 priated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer  
22 to the Secretary of Health and Human Services to  
23 carry out this section \$8,000,000, to remain avail-  
24 able until expended.

1           (2) RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE.—The Sec-  
2       retary shall be entitled to receive, shall accept, and  
3       shall use to carry out this section the funds trans-  
4       ferred under paragraph (1), without further appro-  
5       priation.

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