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## Arizona House of Representatives

Representative David Cook (R-8)

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## Representative Cook's Tribal AHCCCS Waiver Bill Signed into Law

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Representative David Cook (R-8) today thanked Governor Ducey for signing [HB 2228](#) into law.

HB 2228 exempts American Indians and Alaskan Natives from Medicaid waiver work requirements and lifetime limits established by the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS).

**"I am thrilled Governor Ducey signed this important bill into law to help tribal communities with one of the top needs — healthcare,"** said Representative Cook. **"Many in our tribal communities depend on Medicaid, but nonconforming state and federal regulations previously made it more challenging for them to receive the care they needed. Now these communities, many of which have high unemployment and limited access to employment prospects that might provide healthcare, will have the healthcare they desperately need."**

**"This legislation provides a necessary fix to the out-of-date requirements established by the Affordable Care Act, which led to unintended consequences for healthcare delivery to American Indians and Alaskan Natives."**

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