

The Special Diabetes Program for Indians Program History

Congress established the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) in 1997 as part of the Balanced Budget Act to address the growing epidemic of diabetes in American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) communities. The Special Diabetes Program for Type 1 Diabetes (SDP) was established at the same time to address the serious limitations in type 1 diabetes research resources. Together, these programs have become the nation's most strategic and comprehensive effort to combat diabetes.

SDPI TIMELINE

2008	Congress extends SDP for an additional two years for each program at current funding level of \$150 million per year
2007	Congress extends SDP for an additional year for each program at current funding level of \$150 million per year
2004	Congress directs SDPI to initiate demonstration projects focused on diabetes prevention & cardiovascular disease risk reduction
2003	NIH Diabetes Prevention Program Study results provided scientific evidence type 2 diabetes can be prevented or delayed
2002	Congress extends SDP for an additional five years and increases funding for each program to \$150 million per year
2000	IHS establishes best practices based upon SDPI data
1998	Congress extends SDP for an additional three years and increases funding for each program to \$100 million per year
	Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee created by Congress to guide IHS in development and administration of SDPI
1997	Special Diabetes Program (SDP) consisting of Special Diabetes Program for Indians and Special Type 1 Diabetes Research Program created by Congress and \$30 million provided for each program for five years
1996	American Diabetes Association created Awakening the Spirit national advocacy team
1986	Indian Health Service Standards of Care developed
1976	Indian Health Service National Diabetes Program created by Congress
1974	Diabetes Mellitus Interagency Coordinating Committee established by Congress
1963	National Institutes of Health (NIH) Pima Indian Study recognized diabetes epidemic among American Indians

Legislation to Renew SDPI and SDP (H.R.3668 and S.3058) Introduced

The bills will extend these programs for an additional five years at a level of \$200 million per year for each program. A multi-year renewal of SDPI will enable the knowledge gained over the past 12 years to be disseminated and implemented throughout all AIAN communities, and ensure continued measurable improvements in the prevention and treatment of diabetes.

To co-sponsor H.R. 3668 please contact Heather Foster with Representative Diana DeGette at 225-4431 or Olivia Kurtz with Representative Mike Castle at 225-4165. To co-sponsor S.3058, please contact Mina Addo with Senator Byron Dorgan at 224-2551 or Priscilla Hanley with Senator Susan Collins at 224-2523.

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