

A proposal by Alaska Senator Ted Stevens to insure that Alaska Natives will be able to receive immediate medical attention in Indian Health Service facilities outside of the state is another step closer to becoming implemented.

. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare had advised the senior senator for Alaska that every effort is being made to see that Social Security numbers are assigned to Alaska natives for use in Health facilities outside Alaska.

The procedure proposed by Stevens would aslo facilitate the compiling and maintenance of the medical histories of Indians who seek medical treatment in various facilities.