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Shuffling up a storm

*Li'l Miss Warm Springs contestants demonstrate the Shuffle at the pageant held for girls between the ages of 3 and 17.*

## Legislation approves land claims \$ distribution

by Marsha Shewczyk

Legislation has been approved authorizing the distribution of \$1.25 million to the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation for 1.6 million acres involved in the Treaty of 1855. Congress passed Public Law 97-436, final phase of the Warm Springs Judgement Awards Claim, on January 8, 1983.

According to the act distribution is to be made by the Bureau of Indian Affairs operating with guidelines outlined in the congressional act. For clarification of the Public Law 97-436 an interview was conducted with Warm Springs Bureau of Indian Affairs Superintendent Merritt Youngdeer.

**A:** It represents additional compensation for the cession of land under the treaty of June 25, 1855. The treaty provided for a certain thing. This is additional compensation for land, additional to the treaty.

**Q:** What is Public Law 97-436?

**A:** There is a gap between the time the judgement was awarded and the distribution. It was up to the Tribe to determine how to distribute it.

The final plan had to go through the legislative route. That legislation was passed into law in January (January 8, 1983). The law determines who is eligible and how it is to be paid.

**Q:** Who are eligible for participation in the distribution of the Warm Springs Judgement Award Claim?

**A:** The judgement is paid to descendants of the Wasco and Wyampung Indians who are also known as Warm Springs or Walla Walla Indians, who are parties to the 1855 treaty upon which the claim in docket 198 is based.

There were some major concessions made toward the end so it would pass. There are two major changes I need to cover.

Most award claims state distribution is to be made to those who are living on the date

the bill is made into law. The roll the Secretary of Interior

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## IHS changes policy

As of January 12, 1983, Indian Health Services (IHS) has limited direct and contract health care to tribal members only, according to Warm Springs service unit director Garet Soules.

According to a memo distributed earlier this week, "Non-Indian spouses (male or female) and other non-Indian members of an Indian household are no longer eligible for contract health services or direct IHS services."

The only exceptions to this ruling are non-Indian women who are pregnant with eligible Indian children. The women would be cared for during the duration of their pregnancy through postpartum; and non-Indian members of an eligible Indian household if the IHS medical officer determines that care is necessary to control acute infectious disease or a public health hazard.

Soules said this reduction in services will have a "considerable impact on the patient load" at the Warm Springs clinic. In 1982, the clinic logged in over 20,000 outpatient visits. There are two, full-time and two, half-time doctors, two RNs and one nursing aide, a medical technician, an X-ray technician and a pharmacist currently working at the Warm Springs clinic.

Soules also indicated that there are a number of questions that have yet to be answered. Hopefully, unresolved questions will be settled at a service unit director's meeting in early February.

Medical records of individuals affected by this ruling may have medical information from their medical charts transferred to private providers upon submission of a written report.

## Weather

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**Question:** What is this judgement entitled that Congress has recently approved affecting the Warm Springs Reservation?

**Answer:** The Warm Springs Judgement Awards Claim.

**Q:** How much was awarded in the Warm Springs Judgement Awards Claim.

**A:** A final award of \$1.25 million was made. This amount will accrue interest until it is distributed. It is now about \$2.6 million.

**Q:** When was the judgement claim awarded?

**A:** This was awarded October 17, 1973 by docket 198 before the Indian Claims Commission. It was agreed upon that the United States owed that amount.

**Q:** What is the judgement for?