



Oncology on Navajo  
Campaign to Bring Cancer Treatment  
to the Navajo Nation  
at Tuba City Hospital





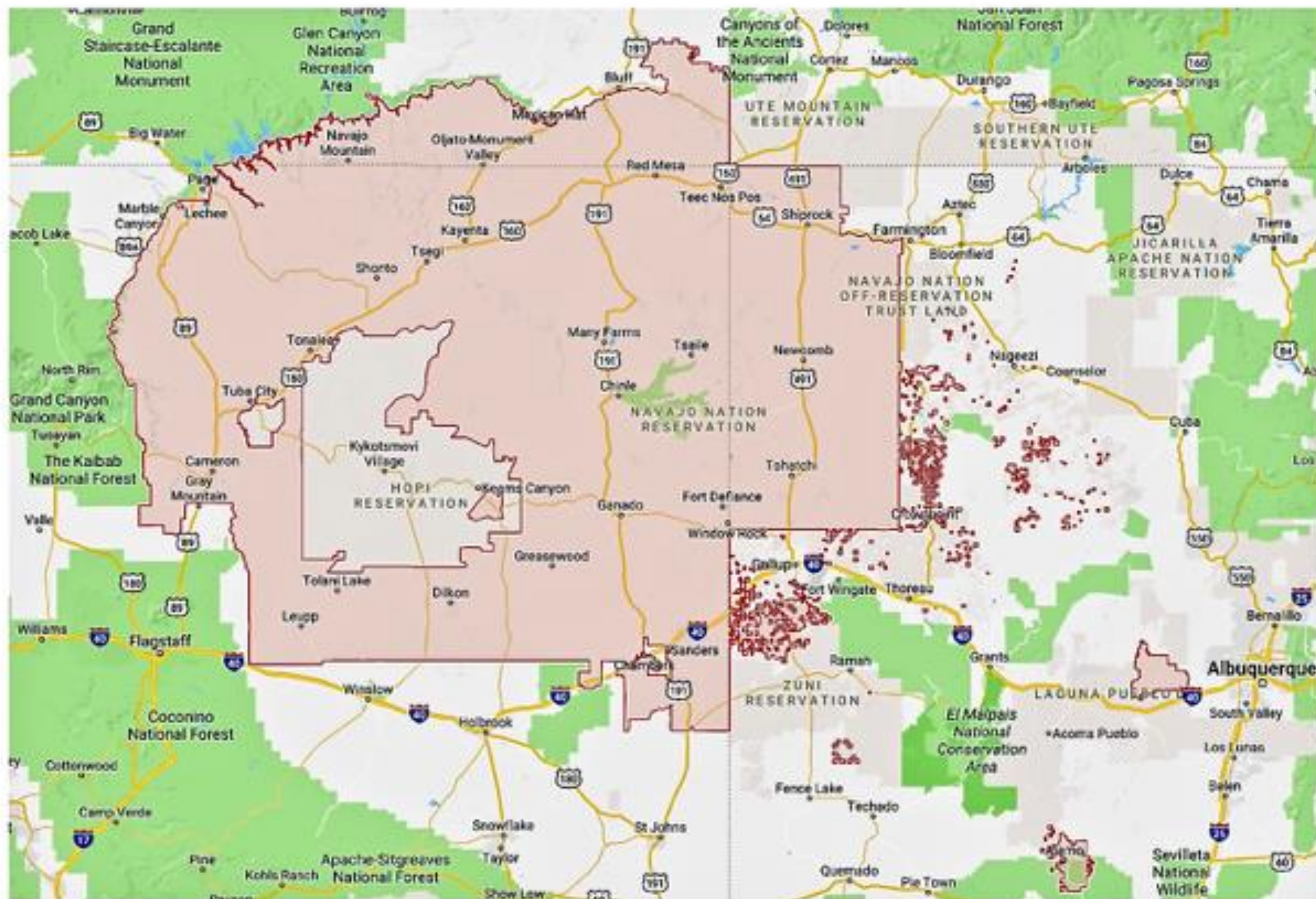












### One Way Distances Patients on the Navajo & Hopi Reservations Must Travel to Flagstaff, Arizona for Cancer Care

0 miles	127 miles	150 miles	191 miles	193 miles	205 miles
Flagstaff, AZ	Shonto, AZ	Kayenta, AZ	Fort Defiance, AZ	Mexican Hat, UT	Red Mesa, AZ

### Equivalent Distance Between Washington, DC and New York City

Washington DC	Philadelphia, PA	Trenton, NJ	Pittsburg, PA	Elizabeth, NJ	New York City
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**PAWN BUY SELL**

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## Navajo Cancer Incidence

Preliminary data we have collected from our facility shows that the cancer incidence in 2016 is now 530.2 per 100,000.

### Comparison

United States	430.9 per 100,000
Arizona	370.6 per 100,000





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**DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS**

June 6, 2018

Tom Betlach, Director  
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System  
801 East Jefferson Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85034

Dear Mr. Betlach:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) 18-003, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) San Francisco Regional Office on March 1, 2018. This SPA revises the reimbursement rate for specialty drugs dispensed by IHS and Tribal facilities.

Based on the information provided, we are approving SPA 18-003 with an effective date of October 1, 2018 as requested. We are enclosing the approved Form CMS-179 and the following Medicaid state plan pages:

- Attachment 4.19-B, Pages 7, 7(a), 8, and 9

In addition, we are including a companion letter from the Division of Pharmacy concerning the Medicaid Covered Outpatient Drugs final rule.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Brian Zolynas at (415) 744-3601 or [Brian.Zolynas@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Brian.Zolynas@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

Hye Sun Lee  
Acting Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosure: Letter from the Division of Pharmacy

cc: Jessica Woodard, CMCS

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R. 5128**

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to award grants to tribal health programs located on reservations impacted by uranium mining or milling, and for other purposes.

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

FEBRUARY 27, 2018

Mr. O'HALLERAN (for himself and Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

**A BILL**

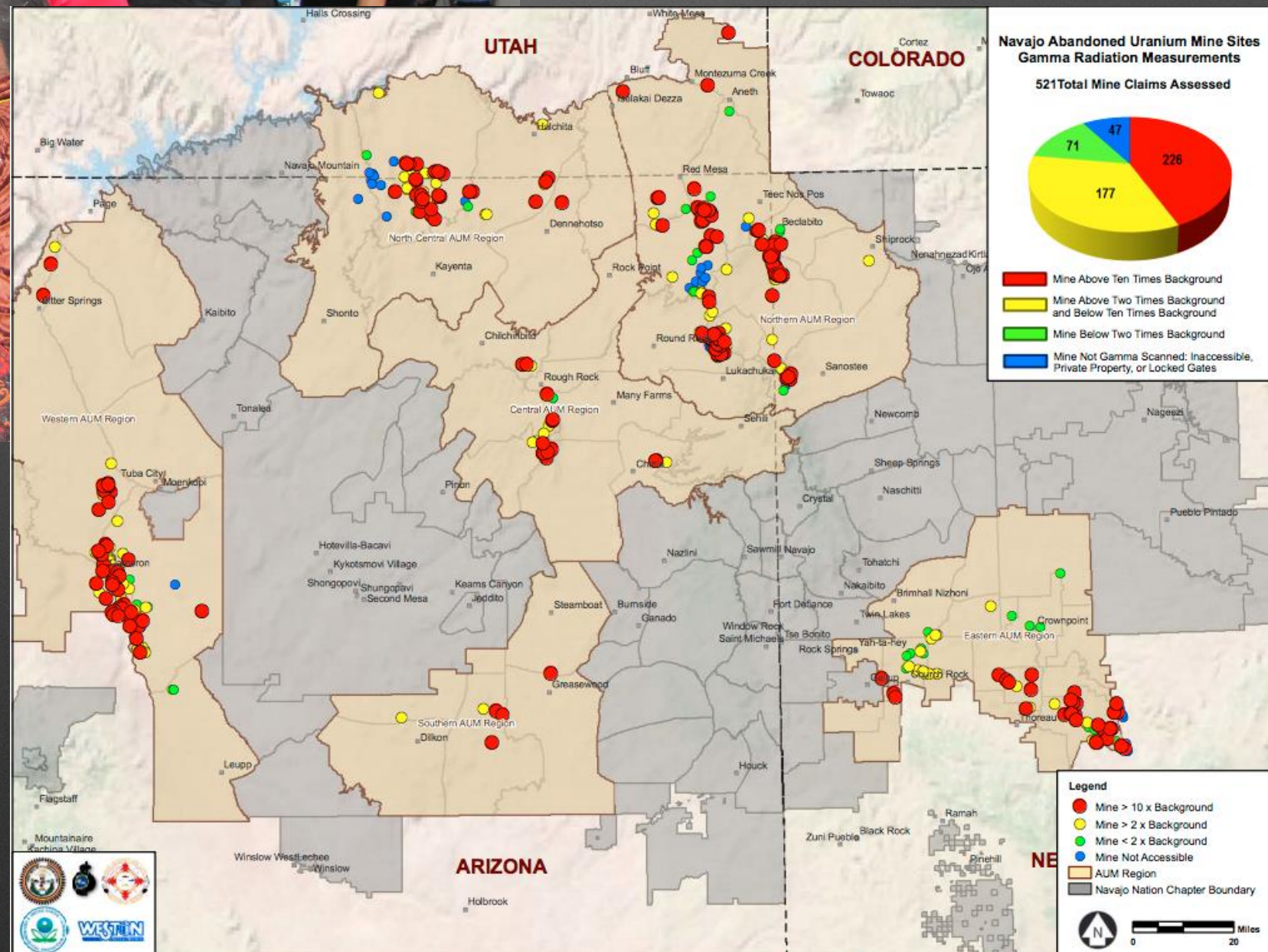
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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Tribal Uranium Expo-  
5 sure Treatment Enhancement Act of 2018".







A 2015 University of New Mexico study found that 85% of Navajo homes have uranium contamination, and Navajos living near these mines have higher levels of uranium in their bones than 95% of the American population.

Cancer incidence rates and rate ratios for the top cancers among Navajos compared to NHWs, CHSDA, 2005-2013, All Ages

	Navajo (6-county)			AZ & NM NHW			Navajo: AZ & NM NHW		
Site	Rate	95% CI	Count	Rate	95% CI	Count	Rate Ratio	95% CI	P-value
<b>Males and Females</b>									
All Sites*	291.31	278.63-304.38	2,131	409.31	407.58-411.04	228,166	0.71*	0.68-0.74	0.00
Colon and Rectum	32.72	28.62-37.21	245	35.72	35.22-36.22	20,264	0.92	0.80-1.04	0.19
Kidney and Renal Pelvis*	25.62	21.98-29.66	189	13.96	13.64-14.29	7,718	1.84*	1.57-2.13	0.00
Stomach*	14.96	12.02-18.34	95	4.25	4.08-4.43	2,420	3.52*	2.81-4.33	0.00
Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma*	12.02	9.58-14.86	90	16.53	16.19-16.89	9,101	0.73*	0.58-0.90	0.00
Pancreas	12.62	9.98-15.69	83	10.87	10.61-11.15	6,365	1.16	0.92-1.45	0.22
Thyroid*	8.46	6.55-10.73	70	15.46	15.08-15.84	6,918	0.55*	0.42-0.70	0.00
Liver*	9.91	7.59-12.67	65	4.84	4.66-5.03	2,818	2.05*	1.56-2.63	0.00
Lung and Bronchus*	10.44	7.99-13.33	65	56.60	55.99-57.22	33,358	0.18*	0.14-0.24	0.00
Leukemia*	6.70	5.06-8.71	62	10.99	10.70-11.29	5,863	0.61*	0.46-0.79	0.00
Myeloma*	6.60	4.80-8.81	47	4.48	4.31-4.66	2,612	1.47*	1.07-1.97	0.02









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dollar crusade.





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