



The K'ima:w Medical Center was founded in 1973 as a small clinic providing high-quality health care to people in the **Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation** and surrounding area. It has since grown to include dental services, urgent care, a pharmacy, ambulance and outreach services, and a Senior Nutrition Center. Today the Center serves over 7,000 people each year and has an annual budget of over \$8 million.

Managing such steady growth presents unique accounting challenges. Fortunately the Center made the right choices:



1. Choosing MIP Fund Accounting to manage their financials.
2. Working with a Native American advisor such as Scott Lewis from 1st Choice Advisors.

Accounting Manager Lois Avery had been with the Center since the manual bookkeeping days in the '70's. Since the implementation of MIP, her efficiency has increased dramatically even with the growth the Center has experienced. She first appreciated the ease and flexibility of MIP as her assistant, who was not an accountant, could easily assist with the data and accounts payable transactions. One of her favorite features is the Payroll Module. "It is crucial to our work! We love that you can set it to print out so much information on the pay stub, such as leave balances and other benefit details."

Scott Lewis, a Partner with 1st Choice Advisors and Lewis Consulting, had originally helped the Center with their audits and board reports. **He understands tribal finance** and how to set up the GL so that reports can be created easily through the system (no need to export financial data into a spreadsheet!) Avery says "Scott is a delight to work with. He knows what he's doing and is always available when we need him. Whenever we need to know where our spending level is, that report is available with the click of a button and we trust the integrity of the report." He is also a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and lives on the Peshawbestown Reservation in Michigan.

Thanks to MIP and a good partner, Avery stays on top of her workload. They no longer dread their annual audits or funding source reporting requirements! Avery laughs, "Without MIP and Scott, everything would still be a mess!"



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