Native women depend on the Indian Health Service (IHS) for their medical needs, but they face multiple barriers in receiving care as basic as a rape kit—even if they can get past one barrier, more await.

**BARRIER #1:** The IHS clinic doesn’t have a rape kit, so the victim is asked to drive up to 100 miles to the next closest clinic or hospital.

The victim doesn’t have a ride or car to travel that distance to receive care, so she goes home.

**BARRIER #2:** The victim is treated by a non-Native healthcare worker who is rude and doesn’t contact a Native advocate to help the victim. The victim is discouraged and goes home.

The victim is told that her examination is not covered by IHS. She is unable to accommodate the extra cost.

**BARRIER #3:** The local health center mishandles the results, contaminating the rape kit, which now cannot be used for a court case.

The victim arrives at a non-Native hospital.

Native woman X is the victim of a rape in her community.

She travels to her local IHS clinic to complete a rape kit.

The rape kit is completed.

If these barriers are not addressed, these rapes will keep happening with total impunity. To take action, visit www.amnestyusa.org