



In Alaska Native
health, the Tribe
decides what AI
runs.



Sovereignty means the Tribe **governs** its own data.

Indigenous data sovereignty is the right of a federally recognized Tribe to govern the collection, ownership, and use of its own data. Not only to keep it private, to decide what gets built on it, and what does not.

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WHY IT MATTERS HERE

In Alaska, that record is life and death.



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AIR EVACUATION RATE

at least 40x

Alaska's air-evacuation rate vs anywhere else in the US

REST OF US



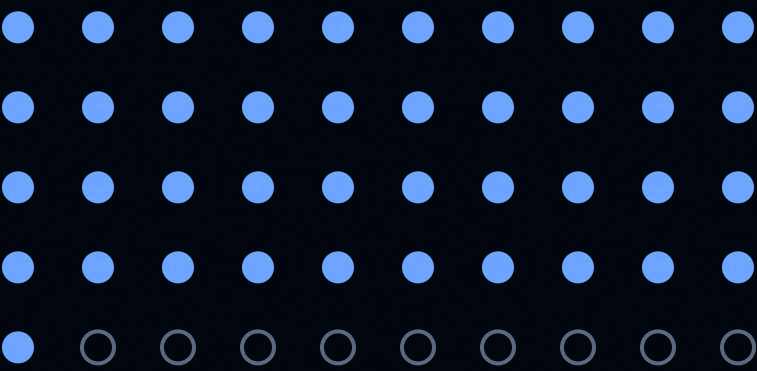
ALASKA



OFF THE ROAD SYSTEM

over 80%

of Alaska communities sit off the road system



When care arrives by air, not by road, the health record a machine would read is high-stakes ground.

WHAT IS ALREADY RUNNING

One is live. One is proposed.

DEPLOYED c11



A Cerner AI Scribe, in use in primary-care visits at a rural tribal health organization.

UNDER DEVELOPMENT c13



A medevac decision-support model. Not yet in service.

ANTHC has shared a statewide AI use policy. c12
Narrow machine learning, not general AI.



Two rule sets, one authority.

CARE

- Collective benefit
- Authority to control
- Responsibility
- Ethics

FAIR

- Findable
- Accessible
- Interoperable
- Reusable

CARE puts the community's authority first. FAIR keeps the data usable. Together they decide what runs.



Alaska Native institutions convened this.

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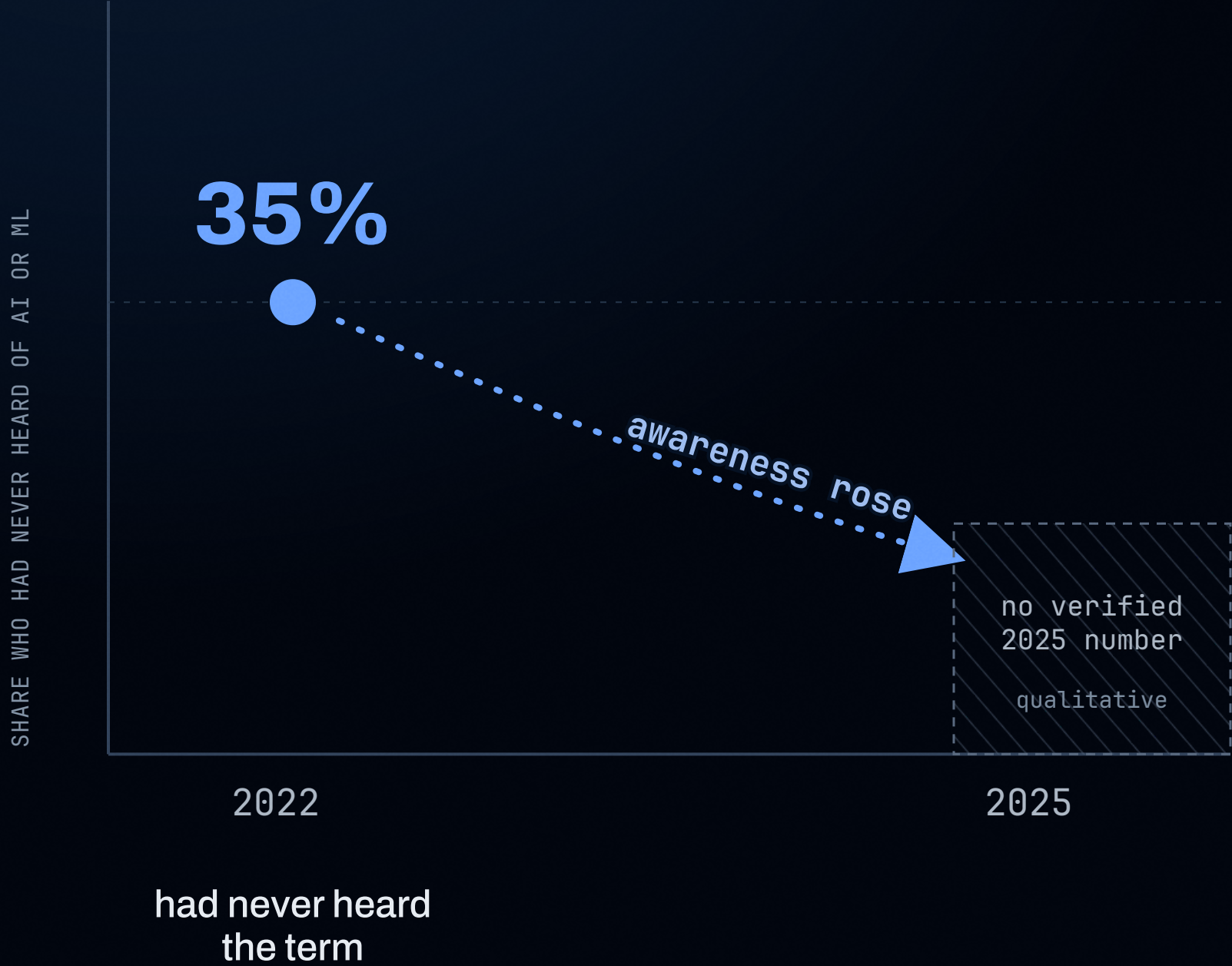
n = 31. Who convened, not a statewide statistic.

A 2025 Anchorage symposium, led by ANTHC with Southcentral Foundation and Maniilaq, joined by Stanford, set the direction.



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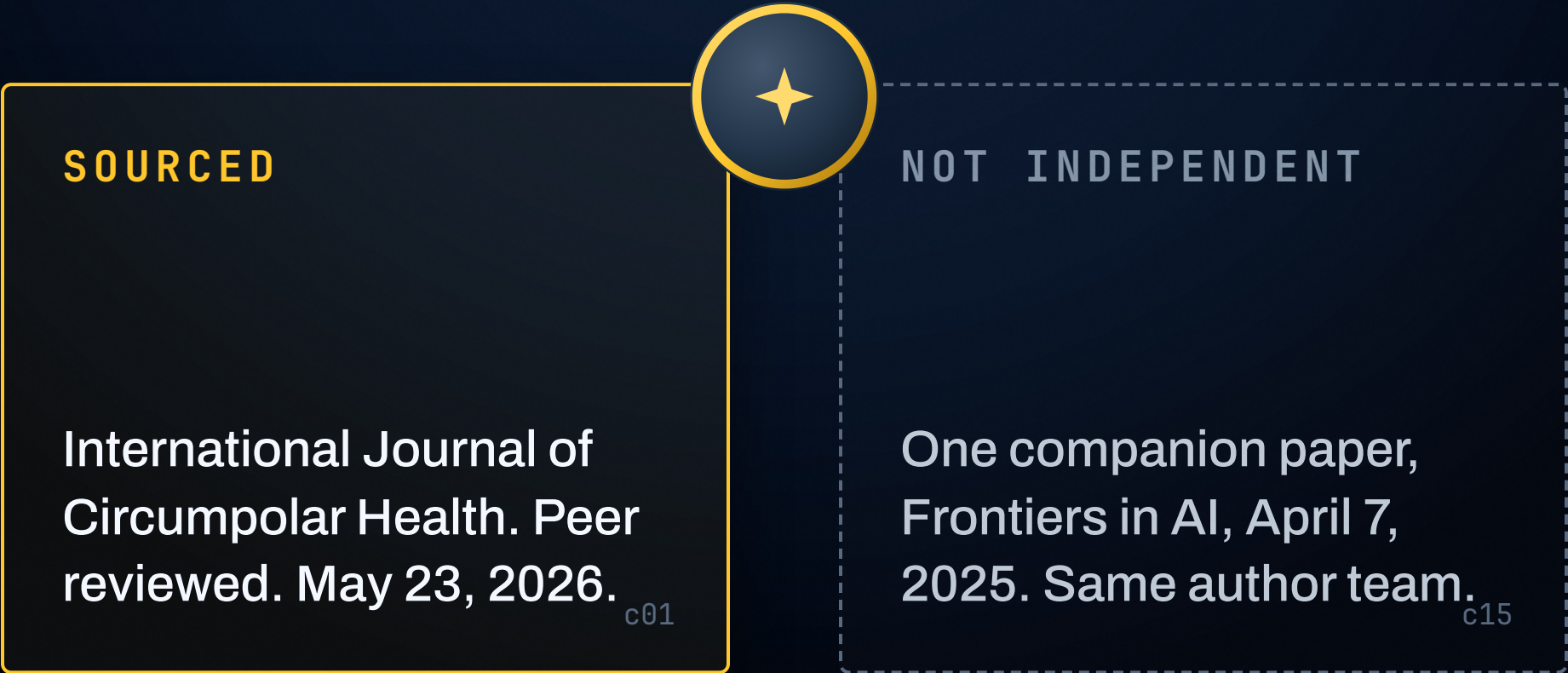
In 2022, a third had never heard of AI.



The paper does not put a figure on 2025, so neither do we. The direction is up. The size is unstated.

HOW SOLID IS THIS

This rests on one paper.



About nine weeks old. A real, documented approach, and an early one. Read it as a direction Alaska is choosing, not a finished system.

THE ALASKA MODEL



Adopt fast. Govern first.

On the Tribe's own authority.

JOIN THE DEBATE

**Should Tribal approval over health data be
the national default?**

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