



WHAT IS GPRA AND HOW DOES IT AFFECT ME?

WHAT IS GPRA?

- GPRA = Government Performance and Results Act
- GPRA is a federal law.
- GPRA shows Congress how the Indian Health Service (IHS) is *performing* based on a set of clinical measures.
- Information IHS reported to Congress must be supported by *data* that can be *verified and validated*.
- Information that is reported is summed for all of IHS and *does not contain any patient identifiers*.
- IHS is subject to having its GPRA report audited.
- An annual GPRA Report is required every year that tells Congress how well IHS is performing.
- IHS-operated facilities are required to report for GPRA. Tribal- and Urban-operated facilities are not required, but are highly encouraged to report on GPRA measures.
- GPRA reporting is linked to the annual budget request for IHS.
- *The goal of GPRA is to improve effectiveness by promoting a strong focus on results, service quality, and customer satisfaction.*
- You, as a patient of IHS, can ask your clinic/facility to see how it is doing on providing quality clinical care to its patients and to you.



**GPRA
IS IMPORTANT TO EVERYONE!**



WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION IS REPORTED FOR GPRA?

Medical information is reported for the prevention and treatment of certain diseases, such as:

- Diabetes
 - Are patients with diabetes having their blood sugar levels and blood pressures checked and are they within normal limits?
 - Did they have a cholesterol test, urine test, diabetic eye exam, and a dental exam in the past year?
- Cancer Screening
 - Are women 21–64 getting a Pap smear at least every 3 years?
 - Are women 50–65 getting a mammogram at least every 2 years?
 - Are adults 51–80 being checked for colorectal cancer?
- Immunizations
 - Are children receiving the immunizations they need by 35 months of age?
In order for IHS to meet this measure, children must have *all* of the following shots by the time he/she is 35 months of age:
 - 4 DTaP (Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis)
 - 3 IPV/OPV (injected or oral Polio)
 - 1 MMR (Measles-Mumps-Rubella)
 - 3 Hepatitis B
 - 3 Hib (Haemophilus Influenzae type b)
 - 1 Varicella
 - Are adults 65+ and patients with diabetes receiving an annual flu shot? Have they received at least one pneumonia shot in their lifetime?



WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP IHS IMPROVE MY HEALTH?



Ask your healthcare provider if you are due for any screenings/tests and ensure appointments are scheduled for you for the needed tests. Ensure someone measures your height and weight at least once each year.

- Tell your provider about your health habits (examples: alcohol use and/or smoking).
- Tell your provider about any tests/procedures/ immunizations you had at a clinic other than where you normally receive care. For example, tell the provider about the colonoscopy you had five years ago at your prior facility.
- Show up for your appointments whenever possible and call to reschedule if you cannot make it so the appointment can be used by someone else.
- Take care of yourself!

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