Indian Health Service All Tribes and Urban Organizations Call

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Welcome



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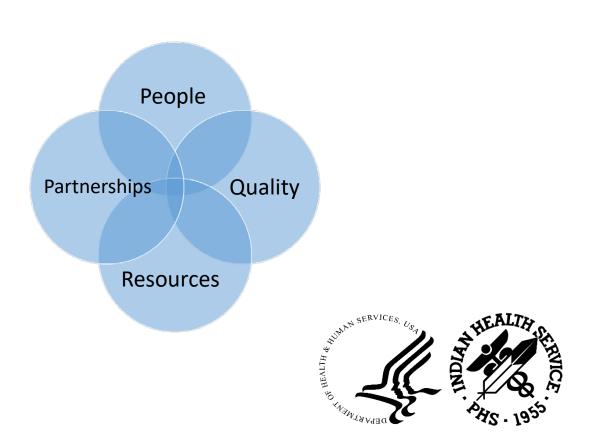
HHS Updates

- Senate Finance Committee hearing for HHS Secretary nominee
- Regulatory reform activities
 - Executive Order 13771 Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs
 - Executive Order 13777 Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda
 - IHS regulatory reform officer: RADM Kelly Taylor, Acting IHS Chief of Staff



IHS Priorities

- People
- Partnerships
- Quality
- Resources



People

- Acting Nashville Area Director, Dr. Bruce Finke
- Title 38 pay tables
 - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists
 - Certified Nurse Midwives
 - Nurse Practitioners New in 2018
- Portland Area dentist featured on PBS Newshour
 - Dr. Frank Mendoza, Warm Springs IHS
 - Use of silver nitrate to treat cavities without drilling
- Senior Executive Service vacancies on USAJOBS.gov
 - Director, Office of Finance and Accounting, closes 1/15/18
 - Director, Great Plains Area, closes 01/30/2018
 - Director, Navajo Area, closes 01/30/2018





Partnerships

- HHS Secretary Tribal Advisory Committee January 17-18
- IHS Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee January 24-25
- Indian Health Care Improvement Fund Workgroup January 30-31
- IHS Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee February 13-14
- Fiscal Year 2020 National Budget Work Session February 15-16



Partnerships

- Contract Support Cost policy
 - Temporarily rescinded: § 6-3.2E(3) Alternative Methods for Calculating Indirect Costs Associated with Recurring Service Unit Shares
 - Known as "97/3 Split" or "97/3 Method"
 - in certain circumstances, this option yields a result that is inconsistent with statutory authority
 - Tribal Consultation prior to making a final decision on how to amend the CSC policy



Quality

- Telespecialty launch in Great Plains Area
 - Offers medical specialists close to home
 - Improves access to more services
 - Saves time and money





Resources

- Continuing Resolution January 19, 2018
 - Includes another quarter of funding for Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI)
- Negotiations continue on FY 2018 Budget
- FY 2019 President's Budget Request will be released in a few weeks



