

Indian Health Service Rockville MD 20857

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Dear Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to share a copy of the final Indian Health Service (IHS) fiscal year (FY) 2018 Urban Indian Health Expenditure Report (FY 2018 Report).

The FY 2018 Report supports the strategy identified in the IHS 2017–2021 Office of Urban Indian Health Programs (OUIHP) Strategic Plan, Goal 2, Objective 2.2 (September 6, 2016), to improve transparency and accountability of funds allocated to the Urban Indian Health budget.

The OUIHP Strategic Plan includes additional strategies to improve financial transparency and accounting processes throughout the Urban Indian Health budget, including identifying OUIHP and IHS Area Office administration funding, technical assistance and information technology support costs, and timely reconciliation of contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements. The IHS 2017–2021 OUIHP Strategic Plan is available online at the IHS Web site at: https://www.ihs.gov/urban/includes/themes/newihstheme/display_objects/documents/IndianHealthServiceOfficeofUrbanIndianHealthProgramsStrategicPlan.pdf.

Please see the enclosure for the FY 2018 Report. If you have any questions, please contact Rose Weahkee, Ph.D., Acting Director, OUIHP, IHS, by telephone at (301) 480-3184 or by e-mail at <u>rose.weahkee@ihs.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure