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Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to provide you with my decisions on the fiscal year (FY) 2023 Indian Health Service (IHS) Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI). As you may know, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, authorized SDPI funding until September 30, 2023. The SDPI has been authorized at \$147 million for FY 2023, a \$3 million decrease due to mandatory sequestration. With your ongoing support and collaboration, the SDPI will be able to continue providing important diabetes treatment and prevention services in Tribal and Urban Indian communities.

By letter dated April 15, 2022, I initiated Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer on the SDPI for FY 2023, as recommended by the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC). I want to thank all Tribal Leaders and Urban Indian Organization Leaders who participated in the virtual IHS Area Consultation and Confer sessions, as well as those of you who sent your comments by letter and e-mail to the IHS Consultation or Confer mailbox. The TLDC met on June 8, 2022, at which time they reviewed the Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer responses and then formulated their recommendations to me. A summary of input received through Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer, the TLDC's subsequent final recommendations, and the IHS's responses to the TLDC recommendations are provided in the enclosure.

In accordance with the TLDC's recommendations, I have decided to keep the SDPI funding distribution and national funding formula the same in FY 2023, as it has been since FY 2016. I am also pleased to share that your input will enable us to strengthen our implementation of the SDPI. For example, we look forward to working with you to develop best practices for Diabetes Prevention and facilitate opportunities for sharing other best practices and resources.

I also want to share an update on the eligibility requirements for the new SDPI grant cycle beginning in FY 2023. All awarding agencies within the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) are required to maximize competition for discretionary awards by allowing all potentially eligible applicants to apply for a given funding opportunity. In defining eligible applicants, each awarding agency must adhere to programmatic eligibility, as specified in statute or regulations. Consistent with this HHS requirement and the statutory authorization for the SDPI grant program, eligible applicants for the new SDPI grant cycle include the IHS, Indian health programs operated by a Tribe or Tribal Organization pursuant to an Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act contract or compact, and urban Indian health programs operated by Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs) pursuant to an Indian Health Care Improvement Act contract.

Additional details on the SDPI FY 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and associated grant application requirements are available online: [SDPI Application](#). All applicants have until Friday, October 7, 2022, to submit their applications for SDPI funding. To ensure that each eligible applicant has the same opportunity for success, please note it is essential that complete, high quality applications be submitted by the due date listed in the NOFO. Grant regulations do not allow for any revisions once the due date has passed. No SDPI funds will be awarded to any application that is incomplete, of insufficient quality, or submitted after the NOFO deadline.

If you have any SDPI-related questions, please contact Ms. Carmen Hardin, Acting Director, IHS Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention, by telephone at (844) 447-3387. For questions pertaining to SDPI grant issues, please contact Ms. Marsha Brookins, Director, IHS Division of Grants Management, by telephone at (301) 443-5204, or by e-mail at dgm@ihs.gov. Thank you for your partnership with the IHS in the important work of diabetes treatment and prevention in the American Indian and Alaska Native communities that we serve.

Sincerely,

/Elizabeth A. Fowler/
Acting Director

Enclosure: 2023 Special Diabetes Program for Indians: Summary of Comments from Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer, Final Recommendations from the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, and IHS Responses