

Contract Support Cost National Workgroup Update



CSC Workgroup Purpose

The CSC Workgroup meets to further the federal governments' administration of CSC within IHS. The Agency, in active participation with Tribes, has developed a comprehensive CSC policy to implement the statutory provides of the ISDA.

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CSC National Workgroup Focus

- In December 2015, the IHS CSC Workgroup, composed of tribal and federal staff was convened
- Focus – to update the Indian Health Service CSC policy
- IHS policy was last updated in 2007
- April 2016, IHS CSC Workgroup approved a draft CSC policy that was shared widely for tribal consultation
- October 27, 2016, IHS released policy on CSC

Significant Changes in the CSC Policy

- IHS will utilize the medical inflation rate to calculate estimated annual increases to ongoing direct CSC
 - **Benefit – the medical inflation rate is a higher rate which will provide Tribes with additional resources**
- Option available to Tribes to reconcile and determine the full, final CSC expenditures within 90 days of the end of the annual performance period
 - **Benefit – reduction in time to finalize the final amount; it streamlines processes**

CSC New Tool

- **CSC Negotiation Template**
 - Provides a way to calculate CSC
 - Consistently
 - In a transparent manner
 - Template may be located at IHS Manual Exhibit 6-3-F (Part 6- Services to Tribal Governments and Organizations/Chapter 3 – Contract Support Costs)

CSC Policy Serves as a Guide

- **CSC Policy is a guide for IHS and Tribes during**
 - **Preparation**
 - **Negotiation**
 - **Determination**
 - **Payment**
 - **Reconciliation Process**

CSC Policy is located on the IHS webpage:

https://www.ihs.gov/ihm/index.cfm?module=dsp_ugn_pc_p6c3

Future Activities Related to CSC

- **IHS remains committed to providing CSC training to tribes**
- **A notice to Tribes will be made when the training is available**
- **California Area Office is currently working with many of your health programs to close out CSC for fiscal years 2014 and 2015**
- **A future CSC National Workgroup Meeting will be coordinated by telephone**

Thank you

- Questions, comments, feedback on how the CSC policy and template is working for you may be directed to any of the CSC National Workgroup Members
- If you wish to make your comments in writing (which is preferred), please send them to Beverly.Miller@ihs.gov