

# Director's Workgroup on Improving Purchased/Referred Care (PRC)

*Formerly Contract Health Services (CHS)  
Workgroup*



# California Representatives

## Primary Tribal Representative

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## Primary Technical Representative

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**Toni Johnson, PRC Officer**

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# Charge of the Workgroup

- **The workgroup is to provide recommendation to the Director, IHS, on strategies to improve the Agency's purchased/referred care (PRC) program**
- **Members are 2 tribal and 1 federal representatives from each of the 12 IHS Areas with elected tribal officials and technical staff**

# Workgroup Update

- Last meeting was December 2015
- Purchased/Referred Care Rates
  - Final Rule published in *Federal Register* on March 21, 2016
  - Opt-in Option for Tribal PRC Programs
  - Implementation Training Webinars
  - Future Plans
- Monthly Area PRC Office Hours

# Summary

**The California Representatives to the Director's Workgroup to Improve PRC will continue to monitor and advocate for the maximum PRC funding afforded to them through existing law and all steps in the current formula.**