

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

*Formerly Contract Health Services (CHS)
Workgroup*



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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 March 8-9, 2018
- FY 2017 Unmet Needs Data Submissions (All Areas)
 - 64 Federal PRC Programs – 100%
 - 177 Tribal PRC Programs – 35%
- Status of PRC Formula
- Government Accountability Office Studies

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.