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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to request your comments on Community Health Representatives (CHR) training.

The Indian Health Service (IHS) established the CHR Program through the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (as amended through P.L. 111-148), U.S. Code, Title 25, Chapter 18, §1616. The IHS provides CHR training as specified in Part 3, Chapter 16 of the IHS *Indian Health Manual*. The focus of the training component of the CHR Program is to provide an environment that will promote each Community Health Representative's educational growth and proficiency in providing health care, health promotion, and disease prevention services.

The CHR training program was initially presented as a 3-week onsite training course. Over time, through the use of pre-class modules, training duration was further reduced to 12 onsite days. Currently, the CHR Program provides 9 days of onsite classroom training.

I am asking for your input on how to design and provide CHR training in support of the President's Executive Order 13589 "*Promoting Efficient Spending*," which directs Federal agencies to perform mission critical functions in the most efficient, cost-effective way.

I invite your comments about how we can strengthen CHR training. Please e-mail your feedback by October 8, 2013, to [consultation@ihs.gov](mailto:consultation@ihs.gov), or send your comments by postal mail to: Yvette Roubideaux, M.D., M.P.H., Acting Director, IHS, 801 Thompson Avenue, Suite 440, Rockville, MD 20852.

Thank you for your input and I look forward to your comments on CHR training.

Sincerely,

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