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Dear Tribal Leader:

This letter is in follow-up to my May 18, 2018-dated Tribal Leader Letter, which initiated Tribal Consultation at the request of Tribes, on proposed revisions to the Indian Health Service (IHS) Indian Health Manual (IHM) at Part 2 –“*Services to Indians and Others, Chapter 3 – Purchased/Referred Care.*”

For your convenience, the Tribal Leader Letter, draft Chapter, and its supporting Exhibits have been posted online at the IHS Website links that follow:

www.ihs.gov/newsroom/triballeaderletters

[https://www.ihs.gov/prc/draft-prc-chapter-of-the-ihm/.](https://www.ihs.gov/prc/draft-prc-chapter-of-the-ihm/)

Since initiating the Tribal Consultation on May 18, Tribes and Tribal Organizations have requested additional time to comment on these important updates to the draft Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) Chapter. **Accordingly, I am extending the comment submission deadline for this Tribal Consultation until Monday, August 6, 2018.**

Please send your comments and recommendations on the draft PRC Chapter Update:

- By e-mail to consultation@ihs.gov

Subject Line: PRC Chapter Update Tribal Consultation

- By United States Postal Mail to:
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ATTN: PRC Chapter Update Tribal Consultation

Thank you for your support and partnership. I look forward to reviewing your input on the revisions to the draft PRC Chapter.

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If you have questions or need additional information, please directly contact Ms. Terri Schmidt, Acting Director, ORAP, IHS. Ms. Schmidt can be reached by telephone at (301) 443-3216 or by e-mail at terri.schmidt@ihs.gov.

Sincerely,

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