FY 2022 Indian Health Service Budget Recommendations from Oklahoma City

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The Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service provides health care to American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) in the states of Oklahoma, Kansas, portions of Texas and Richardson County, Nebraska.
Summary of Service Area and Demographic Information

- The Oklahoma City Area has the largest user population in all of IHS with 388,486 active patients.
- There are 43 Tribes headquartered in the OCA; including 38 Tribes in Oklahoma, four (4) Tribes in Kansas and one (1) Tribe in Texas.
- The Area consists of 12 operational units called service units. The service units in the Oklahoma City Area include Ada, Claremore, Clinton, Eagle Pass (TX), Holton (KS), Haskell (KS), Lawton, Pawnee, Shawnee, Tahlequah, Talihina, and Wewoka.
- Indian Health Service/Tribal/Urban health systems within the Area manage eight (8) hospitals that provide ambulatory patient care services in addition to inpatient care, 59 health centers which includes three (3) urban health clinics, one (1) school health center, and one (1) regional alcohol and substance abuse treatment center.
Summary of Funding Priorities

- **Priority 1** *Indian Health Care Improvement Fund (IHCIF)*
  - To address the inadequate funding levels of Indian Health Service programs, last calculated at 48.6% level of need funded (LNF) in FY 2018 (OCA at 39.3%)

- **Priority 2** *Maintenance and Improvement*
  - Average age of IHS facilities is 40 years. Current funding level for M&I is dangerously low

- **Priority 3**: *Purchase Referred Care (PRC)*
  - Specifically to address disparity in PRC funding

- **Priority 4**: *H&HC, Including $5 mil for Health IT*
  - To address critical staffing needs, rising Pharmaceutical costs, IT needs (EHR, Security Systems)

- **Priority 5**: *Urban Facilities*
  - To address rising Urban patient populations
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Hot Topics

- Electronic Health Records Modernization
- Workforce Development
- Establishment of a Special Cancer Program for AI/AN
- Joint Venture Construction Program
- Indian Health Grant Funding and Contract Support Costs
- Line Item Funding Flexibility
- Developing a Regional Treatment Center
- 105(l) Lease Funding and Estimates
- Community Health Aide Program/Community Health Representatives Program
- Sanitation Deficiency System Guidance and Implementation