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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to notify you that the Indian Health Service (IHS) has formally changed the name of the Aberdeen Area IHS to the **Great Plains Area IHS** effective January 10, 2014. A notice was published in the *Federal Register* officially documenting the name change (see enclosure).

This change was based on input from Tribes in the Aberdeen Area IHS during several meetings with me over the past few years, as well as the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board Resolution No. 2010-13, which requested the name change. Therefore, IHS proceeded with the change which is made official with the *Federal Register* notice.

Given the volume of changes required to update official documents, administrative systems, the IHS Web site, and our daily communications, we anticipate that it will take us until October 1, 2014, to transition and completely adapt to using the new Area name. Until then, we may continue to use either name, but will do everything we can to make the transition occur as soon as possible. The only change you may notice is in how we list the order of the IHS Areas in official documents as is indicated in the enclosed notice.

Thank you for your partnership with the IHS.

Sincerely,

/Yvette Roubideaux/

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Enclosure