

Indian Health Service (IHS) – Tribal Consultation Activities Summary, by Topic
June 2009 to February 2014

Affordable Care Act (ACA)		
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November 12, 2010	Initiation of consultation on Indian-specific provisions in the ACA related to Health Insurance Exchanges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments reviewed • Incorporated in Exchange/Marketplace planning
May 12, 2010	Initiation of consultation on priorities for implementation of ACA and Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) reauthorization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distributed table with AIAN specific provisions in ACA/IHCIA • Comments reviewed, incorporated into ACA planning • Implementation in progress (also see IHCIA section below)
June 2, 2009	Initiation of consultation on priorities for national health reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments reviewed • ACA passed on March 23, 2010

Behavioral Health		
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May 6, 2013	Requested input on Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 funding distribution of the Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI) and Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative (DVPI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments reviewed • MSPI/DVPI projects were funded for year 5/year 4 respectively • FY 2013 funds were distributed to Tribes between September and November 2013; no change to distribution formula
March 22, 2013	Requested comments on the draft revised IHS Policy on Sexual Assault, Part 3 – Chapter 29 of the IHS Indian Health Manual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments reviewed • Draft final IHS Sexual Assault Policy currently under Agency review
September 2, 2011	Update on development of behavioral health strategic plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Behavioral Health Strategic Plan • National Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan • Behavioral Health Briefing Book
March 28, 2011	Initiation of consultation on Tribal Law and Order Act and draft IHS Sexual Assault Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments reviewed; draft IHS Sexual Assault Policy revised • See March 22, 2013 letter
March 8, 2011	Initiation of consultation on Department of the Interior (DOI) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments reviewed • Implementation of the MOA is ongoing • IHS and DOI to schedule an annual review of the MOA that will address the incorporation of Tribal comments into the MOA and the corresponding IHCIA provisions

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November 12, 2010	DOI/HHS Listening Sessions; Suicide Prevention Awareness Conference planned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening Sessions held • Suicide Prevention Awareness Summit held in August 2011 • Alaska Area Suicide Prevention Summit held in October 2011
September 17, 2010	Update on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)/IHS joint activities on mental health and substance abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summaries for IHS and SAMHSA provided with letter • Implementation in progress
December 16, 2009	DVPI decision on funding allocation with National Tribal Advisory Committee on Behavioral Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DVPI funding allocated to IHS Areas by formula, targeted programs with highest need and best ability to implement/evaluate • Funding for National Management, DVPI Initiatives, Sexual Assault Projects Expansion; 3 year project period

Contract Health Service (CHS) Program		
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December 6, 2013	Requested input on rates charged for physician and other health care professional services purchased by Indian health programs and medical charges associated with non-provider-based care (Medicare Like Rates)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments under review • Discussion of administrative and legislative options in progress
May 6, 2013	Update on the ongoing Tribal consultation to improve the IHS CHS program, with description of accomplishments on prior recommendations and new set of recommendations by CHS workgroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implemented CHS Workgroup's second series of seven recommendations since May 29, 2012 letter • See letter for eight highlighted Agency CHS accomplishments • CHS distribution formula continued; CHEF subgroup convened
January 15, 2013	Update on CHS Program increases for purchase of prevention services as a follow-up to the Tribal Leader Letter dated August 2, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas or IHS Service Units, in consultation with Tribes, can decide whether they want to set-aside up to two percent of their CHS program fund increases for purchase of prevention services
August 2, 2012	Initiation of consultation on whether there should be a set aside of CHS program increases for purchase of prevention services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments reviewed • See January 15, 2013 letter for outcome
August 2, 2012	Update on FY 2012 CHS Appropriation increase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table of CHS funding by Area; increase enabled almost half of all CHS programs to make referrals beyond Priority 1
May 29, 2012	Update on CHS Workgroup's progress on prior recommendations, second set of recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See letter for outcomes and additional recommendations • Improvements in measuring deferred/denied referrals, improving and updating business practices, continue existing distribution formula

Contract Health Service (CHS) Program (Continued)		
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February 9, 2011	First Set of Recommendations of CHS Workgroup after three meetings, two listening sessions and best practice sessions; recommended define unmet need, update business practices, evaluate distribution formula	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New template for reporting unmet need used in 2011 • Several activities implemented to improve CHS business practices • CHS formula to be evaluated in 2013 • IHS Budget formulation recommendations implemented
July 20, 2010	Update on CHS consultation; update on listening session and best practices meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHS workgroup reviewed input and developed recommendations • See February 9, 2011 letter
June 8, 2010	Update on FY 2010 CHS Appropriation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table of CHS funding by Area; allocation of increased CHS funding • Roster of new CHS workgroup members
March 19, 2010	Update on U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) study of IHS CHS Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GAO Report on Unmet Need • GAO Report on Equitable Allocation of Resources
January 15, 2010	Initiation of consultation on CHS Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments requested • New CHS workgroup established • Listening sessions scheduled

Contract Support Costs (CSC)		
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February 12, 2014	Initiation of consultation on CSC appropriations related to the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 that required a workplan for consultation on a long term solution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments requested • Consultation session scheduled for March 11, 2014 at National Congress of American Indians Executive Council Winter Session
September 9, 2013	Update on CSC appropriations input, commitment to additional resources and staff to accelerate past claims settlement, initiation of consultation on estimating CSC in pre-award, negotiation phase, process for input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested input from IHS Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee and IHS Tribal Self Governance Advisory Committee. • Both Committees recommended reconvening CSC Workgroup • CSC Workgroup met January 7-8, 2014, identified areas of agreement, recommendations to continue discussion on other areas • Follow-up meeting scheduled for February 24-25, 2014
June 12, 2013	Update on CSC Appropriations in FY 2014 President's budget as interim solution, long term solution needed; litigation update, CSC processes, input requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments reviewed on appropriations; FY2014 appropriation • Implemented alternate process for resolving past years' CSC claims • Improvements in CSC Processes implemented
March 26, 2013	Update on CSC litigation, case management plan, settlement discussions, input requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments reviewed • See June 12, 2013 letter for outcomes

Contract Support Costs (CSC) (Continued)		
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January 14, 2013	Update on CSC as follow-up to September 24, 2012 letter; litigation/CDA claims process, negotiating CSC estimates, CSC appropriations, input requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments reviewed • See March 26, 2013 letter for outcomes/update
September 24, 2012	Update on CSC litigation since <i>Ramah</i> decision and requested input on: 1) pre-award issues; 2) CSC reporting; 3) CSC appropriations; and 4) CSC policy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See January 14, 2013 letter for updates • Comments reviewed
May 1, 2012	Update on CSC consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established Indian Self Determination (ISD) Fund for FY2012 • Update on status of Congressional Reports • Update on CHS Workgroup review of 2007 CSC policy • Update on CSC business improvements
March 2, 2012	CSC Consultation – request for input on data sharing and ISD Fund; CSC Workgroup update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments reviewed on ISD Fund and data sharing issue • Outcomes in May 1, 2012 letter
October 11, 2011	Initiation of consultation on 2007 CSC Policy and call for members of workgroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSC workgroup formed to review 2007 policy

Data Sharing Agreement		
<i>Date of Letter</i>	<i>Content</i>	<i>Follow-up, Outcomes</i>
May 4, 2012	Final template for data sharing agreement for Tribal Epidemiology Centers and IHS Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Template available for Area level agreements • Plan to consult in future on other data sharing issues
January 24, 2011	Initiation of consultation on draft data sharing agreement for Tribal epidemiology centers and IHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments reviewed • Template revised

Department of Veteran Affairs (VA)		
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August 8, 2013	Informed Tribal Leaders of the resolution of a coordination of benefits issue related to emergency care provided to eligible American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 2901 (b) of the ACA makes IHS, Tribal and Urban Indian Health Programs the payer of last resort for services provided to beneficiaries of the IHS • Resolution affects the payment order for the VA, IHS, and Tribal Health Programs
April 5, 2012	Update and request for input on draft reimbursement agreement for implementing IHCIA Section 405	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments reviewed • VA and IHS signed National Reimbursement Agreement on 12/5/12 • All IHS federal facilities implemented agreement, billing VA, reimbursements being received; tribal facility agreements in progress

Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) (Continued)

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March 5, 2012	Initiation of consultation on IHCIA Section 405, provided draft main points of agreement document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments reviewed by VA and IHS • Draft reimbursement agreement developed – see April 5, 2012 letter
November 12, 2010	Initiation of consultation on VA-IHS Memorandum of Understanding to improve coordination of care for AIANs veterans eligible for IHS and VA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments reviewed • Implementation in progress

Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)

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August 2, 2012	Update on FACA consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification of the purpose of FACA and the Intergovernmental Exemption - only advisory workgroups convened to generate consensus recommendations; documentation explained
February 2, 2012	Update on FACA consultation, clarification of agency position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments requested on additional items • Input reviewed
November 9, 2011	Initiation of consultation on IHS compliance with the FACA and the Intergovernmental Exemption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments reviewed

Health Care Facilities Construction Program

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July 3, 2012	Initiation of consultation on Health Care Facility Construction Program, input on IHCIA provisions, Facility Appropriations Advisory Board (FAAB) nominations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments reviewed and FAAB workgroup members identified • FAAB Meeting scheduled for March 3-4, 2013

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

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January 4, 2011	Update on collaborative efforts of HRSA and IHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical assistance and outreach on grants; NHSC program • Affordable Care Act provisions – Home Visiting Program
December 16, 2009	Update on collaborative efforts of HRSA and IHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased number of AIANs serving HRSA review/advisory committees • Increased access to National Health Service Corps (NHSC) providers • Consistency in data; <i>Find a Health Center Tool</i>

IHS Budget		
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December 19, 2012	Update on IHS Budget, increase in funding, budget allocations, budget climate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in budget formulation and consultation activities • Reviewed input

IHS Priorities		
<i>Date of Letter</i>	<i>Content</i>	<i>Follow-up, Outcomes</i>
July 26, 2012	Update on Agency reforms, response to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs investigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY 2011 Accomplishments document
September 4, 2009	Initiation of consultation on priorities to reform the IHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal Input reviewed – top three priorities included budget/funding, improve CHS program; improve consultation

Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA)		
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October 24, 2013	Update on Implementation of Section 402 of the IHCIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of IHCIA authority for Tribes and urban Indian programs use IHS funds to purchase health coverage for IHS beneficiaries
August 8, 2013	Request for comments on Community Health Representatives training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments under review
January 11, 2013	Invitation to Listening Session on the draft Policy on Conferring with Urban Indian Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening Session held January 22, 2013 in Rockville, MD • Comments reviewed and policy currently under agency review
July 26, 2012	Request for comments on Draft Policy on Conferring with Urban Indian Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments reviewed • See January 11, 2013 letter for updates
March 2012	Update to IHCIA Implementation Progress Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to table in Director's blog on March 2012 IHS Tribal Consultation Summit
July 5, 2011	Update on IHCIA implementation; IHCIA Implementation Summary Progress Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table disseminated at 2011 Tribal Consultation Summit
May 5, 2011	IHCIA Implementation Update – update on one year deadlines on Congressional Reports, policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavioral health staffing plan • Health Care Facilities Priority System Needs Assessment • Nevada Area Office plan • Inpatient Mental Health Care Needs Assessment • DOI MOA on Alcohol/Substance Abuse Prevention/Treatment signed • IHS Sexual Assault Policy signed

Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) (Continued)		
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December 7, 2010	Update on IHCIA Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on status of eight IHCIA provisions
October 5, 2010	Initiation of consultation on Section 157, Access to Federal Insurance by Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and IHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPM reviewed input, established Tribal workgroup Federal insurance coverage began May 1, 2012 for enrolled Tribes Enrollment ongoing – www.opm.gov
July 22, 2010	Update on IHCIA reauthorization implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on status of 11 self-implementing provisions

Indian Health Care Improvement Fund (IHCIF)		
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November 25, 2011	Decisions on consultation on IHCIF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update data with technical improvements Keep formula the same Defer IHCIA provisions until funding available to implement
December 30, 2010	Initiation of consultation on IHCIF – formula for distribution, data, new IHCIA provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments reviewed

Long Term Care		
<i>Date of Letter</i>	<i>Content</i>	<i>Follow-up, Outcomes</i>
January 6, 2012	Initiation of consultation on Long Term Care (LTC) provisions in IHCIA reauthorization; recommendations from November 2010 LTC meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interagency agreement signed with the Administration for Community Living (ACL) to integrate training and technical assistance in Long Term Support Services (LTSS) into a planned Administration on Aging Title VI national training in August 2013 Monthly webinar series with topics focused on technical assistance in development of LTSS and to share best practices from IHS/Tribal/Urban (I/T/U) Programs Memorandum of Understanding between IHS, ACL and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to support implementation of LTC authorities in the IHCIA March 2012 LTSS conference sponsored by IHS, ACL, and CMS LTSS was a topic at March and August 2012 Tribal Consultation Summits LTSS provisions have been incorporated into Tribal Self-Governance Funding Agreements, consistent with the new authorities of the IHCIA Comments reviewed

Office of Information Technology (OIT) Tribal Shares		
<i>Date of Letter</i>	<i>Content</i>	<i>Follow-up & Outcomes</i>
January 11, 2013	Update on IHS OIT Programs, Services, Functions and Activities (PSFAs) and the Draft OIT Tribal Shares Improvement Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved plan and related documents available at: www.ihs.gov/tribalshares OIT and ISAC to work with Tribes on implementation
July 13, 2012	ISAC Recommendations – OIT Tribal Shares improvement plan – request for input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments reviewed See January 11, 2013 letter for update
August 16, 2010	IT Tribal Shares Workgroup Recommendations - request for input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments reviewed by ISAC

Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI)		
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December 20, 2013	Initiation of consultation on distribution of funding for the SDPI in FY 2015 as recommended by the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation on funding distribution for FY 2015 initiated All IHS Areas conducted consultation on distribution of SDPI funding TLDC to meet March 5, 2014 to review consultation input, make recommendation to IHS Director
June 19, 2013	Update on the SDPI reauthorization for FY 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-240) extended the SDPI program funding through FY 2014 Continued same funding allocation SDPI grant amounts not reduced in FY 2013 from sequestration
May 2, 2011	Decision on funding allocation for SDPI reauthorization for FY 2012- 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SDPI funding distribution in progress Continue same distribution formula/funding allocation Continuation application not competitive
January 25, 2011	Initiation of consultation on funding allocation for SDPI reauthorization for FY 2012-FY2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments reviewed by TLDC
September 10, 2009	Update on funding allocation decision for SDPI reauthorization for FY 2010-FY2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SDPI funding distribution for FY 2011-2012

Traditional Health Care Practices		
<i>Date of Letter</i>	<i>Content</i>	<i>Follow-up, Outcomes</i>
August 2, 2012	Initiation of consultation on how to improve promotion of and access to Traditional Health Care Practices within IHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakout session at August 2012 Tribal Consultation Summit • Comments under review

Tribal Consultation		
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January 10, 2014	Notification that the IHS has formally changed the name of the Aberdeen Area IHS to the Great Plains Area IHS effective January 10, 2014 based on Tribal input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice published in Federal Register • Name transition to be completed by October 1, 2014
September 25, 2013	Invitation to attend the 2013 IHS Tribal Consultation Virtual Summit scheduled for October 9-10, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on current Consultation and Budget Formulation activities provided through an online webinar • Virtual Summit rescheduled for November 4-5, 2013 • 261 online participants
November 27, 2012	Invitation to Listening Session following White House Tribal Nations Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening Session held December 6, 2012 in Washington, DC
August 2, 2012	Update on Tribal Consultation activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal Consultation Activities Summary Table
July 13, 2012	Invitation to 3 rd IHS Tribal Consultation Summit – hotel and agenda information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summit held August 7-8, 2012 in Denver, CO
March 2, 2012	Invitation to 2 nd IHS Tribal Consultation Summit – hotel and agenda information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summit held March 13-14, 2012 in Washington, DC
June 15, 2011	Invitation to 1 st IHS Tribal Consultation Summit – hotel and agenda information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summit held on July 6-7, 2012 in Bethesda, MD
October 27, 2010	IHS Update on Director’s Advisory Workgroup on Tribal Consultation recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IHS Tribal Consultation website, consultation@ihs.gov established • IHS Tribal Consultation Summits held • Focus on Area and local level consultation improvements initiated • Other improvements to Tribal consultation process implemented
April 14, 2010	Update on Area Listening Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Listening Sessions held in each IHS Area in person, by videoconference or by phone
February 16, 2010	Director’s Blog established to provide increased communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director’s blog postings ongoing

Tribal Consultation (Continued)		
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January 15, 2010	Director's Advisory Workgroup on Tribal Consultation – request for input on recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input reviewed • Implementation of recommendations in progress, including website, at least 60 days for input, better dissemination of letters, various forums for input, several critical issues for consultation, IHS updates with progress on consultations
August 13, 2009	Initiation of consultation on improving IHS Tribal consultation process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input reviewed by Director's Advisory Workgroup on Tribal Consultation, recommendations generated

Tribal Self-Governance Report to Congress		
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October 12, 2012	Informed Tribal Leaders of extended due date for comments to the FY 2011 Report to Congress on the Administration of the Tribal Self-Governance Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments reviewed • Final Report under review
August 20, 2012	Requested input on FY 2011 Report to Congress on the Administration of the Tribal Self-Governance Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments reviewed