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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to inform you that the Indian Health Service (IHS) is introducing new “online and on-demand” Community Health Representative (CHR) Training.

The CHR Training launched December 15, 2014, and meets IHS CHR training requirements and obligations specified in Part 3, Chapter 16 of the *Indian Health Manual*, and as authorized by Indian Health Care Improvement Act (as amended through P.L. 111-148), U.S. Code, Title 25, Chapter 18 §1616.

The CHR Training was updated and reformatted in support of President Obama’s Executive Order 13589, “*Promoting Efficient Spending*,” which directs Federal agencies to perform mission-critical functions in the most efficient, cost-effective way. The new online format will eliminate CHR training backlogs, registration fees, travel expenses, and time away from work for CHR staff.

The CHR Training can be accessed by CHR Supervisors and CHRs at work, home, or any other location that provides internet access by typing <http://medcomrn.com/ihschr> into your web browser address bar.

This state of the art online training format supports the CHR Scope of Work which is to provide health care, health promotion and disease prevention services, home visits and specific community services, as defined by the CHR Scope of Practice.

Thank you for providing your responses to the Tribal Leader Letter on CHR training needs this past August. Your recommendations were appreciated and incorporated into the new training format. If you have any questions or comments please e-mail CAPT Celissa Stephens, Director, Division of Nursing Services at celissa.stephens@ihs.gov.

Sincerely,

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