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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to inform you that the Indian Health Service (IHS) Headquarters offices are moving. The Department of Health and Human Services is working to consolidate physical space to reduce its environmental footprint, improve efficiency in managing real property, and create more functional spaces for employees to carry out the mission of the Department.

As part of this strategy, IHS Headquarters will be relocating to new space just a couple of blocks away from our current location in Rockville, Maryland. The new location will be home not only to the IHS, but also to our partner agencies, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and portions of the Department's management organization and the Program Support Center.

The IHS will continue to welcome Tribal delegations to meet with us and share concerns, updates, or news about your local health needs and communities. However, security will be enhanced in the new building, so please be sure to schedule meetings in advance with the IHS Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes or the Office of Tribal Self-Governance. Directions, security procedures, and other important information will be provided when a meeting is scheduled.

The move will be executed over a 5-week period beginning in early November. However, all correspondence should be addressed to our new mailing address starting November 1. Please see the enclosure, which contains the new mailing address information.

I look forward to hearing from you and meeting with you in our new space.

Sincerely,

/Robert G. McSwain/

Robert G. McSwain  
Principal Deputy Director

Enclosure