Dear Tribal Leader:

On July 20, I invited you to submit written comments on the *Indian Health Service Draft Quality Framework*. The comment period closes on Monday, September 19.

Since this date coincides with scheduled Tribal Consultation on this topic, I am extending the comment period until Monday, October 3. This will ensure that sufficient time is provided following the Consultation session for everyone to transmit their comments and recommendations on ways to improve the quality of care provided at federally operated facilities.

Please forward your comments on the *IHS Draft Quality Framework* by **October 3, 2016**, as follows:

By E-MAIL to: consultation@ihs.gov.

By POSTAL MAIL to: Ms. Rebecca Spitzgo, Indian Health Service, 5600 Fishers Lane, Mail Stop 08E86, Rockville, Maryland, 20857.

By FACSIMILE to: (301) 443-4794
Attention: Ms. Rebecca Spitzgo; Subject Line: IHS Draft Quality Framework.

Sincerely,

/Mary Smith/

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Principal Deputy Director

Enclosure