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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to provide an update on our consultation on the Indian Health Service (IHS) Contract Support Costs (CSC) policy. Our goal is to update and implement a new policy in 2016. To accomplish this goal, the IHS CSC Workgroup has met several times over the past several months and completed their work in drafting a revised policy. Next week, IHS will send out a copy of the revised policy for your review and comment for 60-days.

In addition, I am notifying you of three in-person sessions on the revised policy scheduled over the next two months during the following events:

**2016 U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Region IX Tribal Consultation**

April 15 from 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.  
*Acacia Ballrooms B/C/D*  
Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino  
5040 Wild Horse Pass Blvd.  
Chandler, Arizona 85226

**2016 Annual Tribal Self-Governance Consultation Conference**

April 26 from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
*Great Hall North*  
Buena Vista Palace and Resort  
1900 E Buena Vista Drive  
Lake Buena Vista, Florida 32830

**2016 U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Region X Tribal Consultation**

May 13 from 10:45am – 12:00pm - *Open Tribal Leader Comments* session  
*Salmon/Whale Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Tower Building*  
Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort  
15347 Suquamish Way NE  
Suquamish, Washington 98392

The purpose of the CSC policy is to provide uniform and equitable guidance on the preparation and negotiation of requests for CSC funds for new and existing awards authorized by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, 25 U.S.C. § 450 et seq. The current CSC policy is located in the Indian Health Manual at Part 6, Chapter 3 (2007) and available online at: [https://www.ihs.gov/ihm/index.cfm?module=dsp\\_ihm\\_pc\\_p6c3](https://www.ihs.gov/ihm/index.cfm?module=dsp_ihm_pc_p6c3).

For your reference, please find enclosed a membership listing of the IHS CSC Workgroup. Please watch for updates on the IHS website at <http://www.ihs.gov/>.

Sincerely,

/ Mary Smith/

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Principal Deputy Director

Enclosure