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Dear Urban Indian Organization Leader:

On June 20, 2016, I initiated an Urban Confer session on a draft policy statement to expand the Community Health Aide program ([https://www.ihs.gov/newsroom/includes/themes/newihstheme/display\\_objects/documents/2016\\_Letters/55744-1\\_CHAP\\_DUIOLL.pdf](https://www.ihs.gov/newsroom/includes/themes/newihstheme/display_objects/documents/2016_Letters/55744-1_CHAP_DUIOLL.pdf)).

While we have received several comments to date, Tribes and Urban Indian Organizations have requested additional time to comment on this important draft policy statement. Accordingly, I am extending the comment submission deadline until October 27, 2016. Please provide your written comments as instructed below.

In addition, telephone and in person Tribal Consultation/Urban Confer sessions have been scheduled as follows:

**Telephone Tribal Consultation/Urban Confer session**

Call Date: October 4, 2016 (Tuesday)  
Call Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Eastern  
Call In Number: 1-888-955-8942  
Participant Passcode: 9659843

**In Person Tribal Consultation/Urban Confer sessions**

National Indian Health Board Consumer Conference on September 19, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., in Scottsdale, Arizona.

National Congress of American Indians 73rd Annual Convention and Marketplace scheduled for October 9, 2016, from 2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. in Phoenix, Arizona.

Thank you for your partnership. I look forward to hearing your input on the Community Health Aide program.

Sincerely,  
/Mary Smith/  
Mary Smith  
Principal Deputy Director

Urban Indian Organization Leaders, please send input by e-mail to:	<a href="mailto:urbanconfer@ihs.gov">urbanconfer@ihs.gov</a> Subject line: IHS Expansion of Community Health Aide Program Draft Policy Statement Consultation
Send input by postal mail to:	Alec Thundercloud, M.D. Indian Health Service 5600 Fishers Lane, Mail Stop: 08N34-A Rockville, MD 20857