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Dear Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to inform you of the Indian Health Service's decision on the distribution of fiscal year (FY) 2017 Urban Indian health budget increases for Urban Indian Organizations authorized by Title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. In addition, the Indian Health Service (IHS) has received requests to continue conversations about the Urban Indian health budget. I invite you to join us on September 8 to continue conversations about the Urban Indian health budget.

On July 26, in accordance with the IHS *Policy on Conferring with Urban Indian Organizations*, I requested your input and recommendations on the distribution of the \$1.137 million increase. I want to thank everyone who participated in the July 28 Confer teleconference and submitted input through letters and e-mails.

After consideration of the Confer comments received, and review of other distribution methodologies utilized by the IHS, the IHS decided to distribute the FY 2017 Urban Indian health budget increase of \$1.137 million on a one-time, non-recurring basis, as outlined in the enclosed document.

Please join us on September 8 to continue conversation about the Urban Indian health budget. Here is information on how to join the conversation:

Date: Friday, September 8, 2017
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Eastern)
Dial-in: (888) 889-5015
Passcode: 5873166

We appreciate your input and I look forward to working with Urban Indian Organization leadership on these and related issues. If you have any questions or need assistance joining the September 8 conference call, please contact Mr. Raho Ortiz, Acting Director, Office of Urban Indian Health Programs, IHS, by telephone at (301) 443-4680 or by e-mail at raho.ortiz@ihs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Indian Health Care Improvement Act Title V Urban Indian Health Organization – FY 2017 Program Increase