Dear Tribal Leader:

This letter is in follow-up to my May 18, 2018-dated Tribal Leader Letter, which initiated Tribal Consultation at the request of Tribes, on proposed revisions to the Indian Health Service (IHS) Indian Health Manual (IHM) at Part 2 – “Services to Indians and Others, Chapter 3 – Purchased/Referred Care.”

For your convenience, the Tribal Leader Letter, draft Chapter, and its supporting Exhibits have been posted online at the IHS Website links that follow:

www.ihs.gov/newsroom/triballeaderletters

https://www.ihs.gov/prc/draft-prc-chapter-of-the-ihm/

Since initiating the Tribal Consultation on May 18, Tribes and Tribal Organizations have requested additional time to comment on these important updates to the draft Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) Chapter. **Accordingly, I am extending the comment submission deadline for this Tribal Consultation until Monday, August 6, 2018.**

Please send your comments and recommendations on the draft PRC Chapter Update:

- By e-mail to consultation@ihs.gov
  
  Subject Line: PRC Chapter Update Tribal Consultation

- By United States Postal Mail to:
  
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  ATTN: PRC Chapter Update Tribal Consultation

Thank you for your support and partnership. I look forward to reviewing your input on the revisions to the draft PRC Chapter.
If you have questions or need additional information, please directly contact Ms. Terri Schmidt, Acting Director, ORAP, IHS. Ms. Schmidt can be reached by telephone at (301) 443-3216 or by e-mail at terri.schmidt@ihs.gov.

Sincerely,

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