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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to initiate Tribal Consultation on the Indian Health Service (IHS) Indian Health Manual (IHM), Part 2 – “*Services to Indians and Others, Chapter 3 – Purchased/Referred Care*” at the request of Tribes.

Tribal Consultation on the *Purchased/Referred Care Chapter Update* will consist of the following:

- A 30-business day Comment Period, through July 6, 2018;
- Two All Tribes Conference Calls; and
- A face-to-face, in-person Tribal Consultation to gather input and recommendations from you on updates or revisions you would recommend for the *Purchased/Referred Care Chapter Update*.

The schedule for the Tribal Consultation sessions is as follows:

In-Person Tribal Consultation

*National Indian Health Board
9th Annual National Tribal Public Health Summit*

DATE: Wednesday, May 23, 2018

TIME: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (CT)

ADDRESS: Mystic Lake Center, 2400 Mystic Lake Blvd, NW, Prior Lake, Minnesota 55372

Telephone Tribal Consultation Conference Call Sessions

CALL DATE: Friday, May 25, 2018

CALL DATE: Monday, June 11, 2018

CALL TIME: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (ET)

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Staff from the IHS Office of Resource Access and Partnerships (ORAP) will be providing you with a copy of the current Part 2 – “*Services to Indians and Others, Chapter 3 – Purchased/Referred Care*” by U.S. postal mail. The Chapter will also be posted at www.ihs.gov/newsroom/triballeaderletters.

The comment period for the PRC Chapter Update ends on Friday, July 6, 2018.

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

- **BY E-MAIL** to consultation@ihs.gov.

Subject Line: PRC Chapter Update Tribal Consultation

- **BY 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 PRC Chapter. Your participation through Tribal Consultations, Self-Governance processes, and individual contacts have greatly enhanced our policy development process.

For 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,

/Michael D. Weahkee/

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