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Dear Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to update you on an important leadership change at Indian Health Service (IHS) Headquarters (HQ) in the Office of Urban Indian Health Programs (OUIHP).

Effective February 5, 2018, Mr. Raho Ortiz will return to his position of record as the Director, Division of Business Office Enhancement in the Office of Resource Access and Partnerships (ORAP). Since October 2016, Mr. Ortiz has served as the Acting Director, OUIHP. We appreciate his leadership, team work, and positive contributions. Please join me in thanking Mr. Ortiz for his leadership and service as he returns to ORAP.

Dr. Rose Weahkee, Deputy Director, OUIHP, will serve as the Acting Director, OUIHP, until further notice. She will provide oversight of functions and operations related to Title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and health care services provided to American Indian and Alaska Native beneficiaries who reside in Urban areas across the nation.

Dr. Weahkee, a member of the Navajo Nation, joined the IHS in 2007 as an Area Behavioral Health Consultant for the IHS California Area. Since that time, she served as the Director of Field Operations for the IHS Phoenix Area and the Director for the Division of Behavioral Health at IHS HQ. Prior to joining the IHS, Dr. Weahkee served as the Administrative Clinical Director for United American Indian Involvement, Inc. in Los Angeles, California.

Thank you for your support and partnership in addressing Urban Indian health issues in the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

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