

# Indian Health Service

## All Tribes and Urban Indian Organization Leaders Call

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# Welcome

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- Rear Admiral Michael D. Weahkee  
Acting Director, Indian Health Service



# Agenda

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- IHS Updates
- IHS Strategic Plan fiscal years 2018-2022
- Tribal Consultation on use of new unallocated fiscal year 2018 inflation increases for ISDEAA 105(I) leases



# Upcoming Consultation Deadlines

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- Funding decision impacting a portion of the fiscal year 2018 inflation increases
  - Comments accepted until July 27
- Funding mechanism to distribute behavioral health initiatives
  - Comments accepted until August 1
- Revisions to the Indian Health Care Manual, Chapter on Purchased/Referred Care
  - Comments accepted until August 6
- Updates to the Sanitation Deficiency System Guide
  - Comments accepted until August 14



# Indian Health Care Improvement Fund (IHCIF) Formula Revisions

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- Potential revisions to the existing IHCIF formula used to distribute funding increases provided by Congress for the IHCIF. Consultation focuses on the Tribal/IHS IHCIF Workgroup's recommendations contained in the June 2018 Interim Report. Results of this Consultation will be used to distribute a \$72 million increase received in the FY 2018 budget.
- **Tribal Consultation Initiated:** June 8, 2018
- **Comment period closed on:** July 13, 2018
- **Status:** Comments under review



Additional information and the IHCIF Workgroup's Interim Report: [www.ihs.gov/ihcif](http://www.ihs.gov/ihcif)

# Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI)

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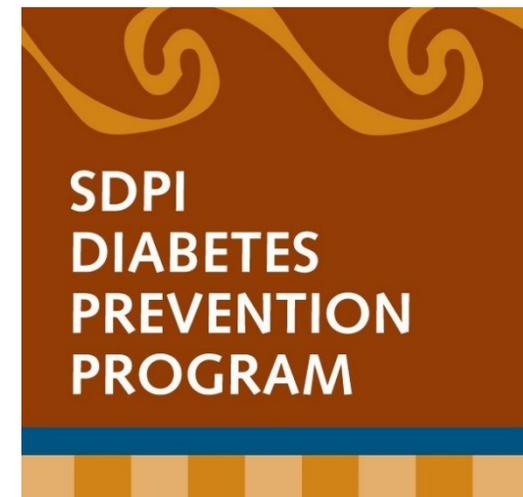
- SDPI received authorization for FY 2018 & FY 2019 on February 9, 2018
- Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC) recommended that national Tribal Consultation/Urban Confer take place on the SDPI FY 2019 funding distribution
- Tribal Consultation/Urban Confer opened April 13, 2018 for 30 days
- TLDC met May 21-22, 2018
  - Reviewed Tribal Consultation/Urban Confer input
  - Formulated and presented recommendations to IHS Acting Director
- **Status**: Final decision on fiscal year 2019 funding distribution was shared on July 12
  - Funding distribution will remain the same



# SDPI, continued

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- A report on 10-year outcomes of SDPI participants was published in Diabetes Care, a monthly journal of the American Diabetes Association.
- IHS Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention Director Dr. Ann Bullock was one of the authors
- The report confirmed the long-term effects of moderate weight loss, achieved through an intensive lifestyle intervention such as SDPI, in reducing the risk of type 2 diabetes among American Indian and Alaska Natives
- Read the report here:  
<http://care.diabetesjournals.org/content/41/7/1462>



# Tribal Management Grant Opportunity

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- Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes; Tribal Management Grant Program
- Applications are now being accepted
  - Deadline to apply is **August 17**
- To prepare tribes and tribal organizations for assuming all or part of an existing IHS operated program through the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act; and to further develop and improve health management capabilities
- Approximately 16-18 awards will be issued

Federal Register Notice: <https://go.usa.gov/xUReA>



# Funding Opportunities

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- The Health Resources and Services Administration released a grant for the new **Rural Communities Opioid Response Initiative**
  - Federally recognized tribes and tribal organizations serving high-risk rural communities can apply
  - Application Deadline: **July 30**
  - Announcement: <https://go.usa.gov/xUnqT>
- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration released a grant announcement entitled **Tribal Opioid Response Grants**
  - Federally recognized tribes and tribal organizations can apply individually, or in partnership with an urban Indian organization
  - Application Deadline: **August 20**
  - Announcement: <https://go.usa.gov/xUnqB>



# HRSA Funding Opportunity

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- The Health Resources and Services Administration released a grant for the Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program
  - To promote behavioral health integration in pediatric primary care by supporting development and improvement of pediatric mental health care telehealth access programs
  - Will provide training and education on the use of appropriate telehealth protocols to support treatment of children and adolescents with behavioral disorders
  - Application Deadline: **August 13**



Grant Opportunity: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=305136>

# IHS Virtual Internship

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- Partnership with the U.S. Department of State: Virtual Student Federal Service
- Allows students to help further the IHS mission through a remote internship
- Application Deadline: **July 31** - <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/503976200>



# Recent Events

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- Groundbreaking for the new Sacred Oaks Healing Center in Davis, California
- Crownpoint Healthcare Facility hosted a dedication ceremony for the Nizhoni Bluffs Apartments, a new 19-unit complex in New Mexico



# Recent Events

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- Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska assumed administration of the IHS Omaha Winnebago Hospital on July 1
- Pinoleville Pomo Nation entered into self-governance on July 1
- Samish Indian Tribe entered into self-governance on July 13
- IHS has now entered into 101 compacts and 127 funding agreements under Title V of the ISDEAA



# Committee Meetings

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- July 10: Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee fourth quarter meeting in St. Paul, Minnesota
- July 11-12: Direct Service Tribes National Meeting in St. Paul, Minnesota
- July 18-19: Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee Meeting in Washington, D.C.



# Opioid Crisis

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- Launch of new IHS opioids website – [www.IHS.gov/opioids](http://www.IHS.gov/opioids)
  - All opioid resources in one location for quick and easy access to information
- Collaboration with tribes



# Partnerships for Advancing Tribal Health

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- **July 24: Partnerships for Advancing Tribal Health (PATH): A National Town Hall on Combatting Opioids and Substance Abuse**
- National forum for tribal and federal officials to engage in joint dialogue to improve the impact of HHS resources in tribal communities
- In partnership with
  - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
  - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
  - Indian Health Service
  - National Institutes of Health
  - Office of Minority Health
- Re-watch the event at <https://www.youtube.com/user/USGOVHHS>



# Upcoming Events

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- The IHS Partnership Conference, hosted by the Office of Information Technology and the Office of Resource Access and Partnerships
  - July 31-August 2 in Phoenix, Arizona
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Native Health Research Training Conference
  - August 8-10 in Prior Lake, Minnesota
- National Combined Councils Annual Meeting
  - August 14-17 in Portland, Oregon



# Upcoming All Tribes and Urban Indian Organization Leaders Calls

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- August 13 – 2:30 – 3:30 PM (Eastern)
- September 10 – 3:30 – 4:30 PM (Eastern)



# Speakers

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- IHS Strategic Plan fiscal years 2018-2022
  - CAPT Francis Frazier, Director, Office of Public Health Support
- Tribal Consultation on use of new unallocated fiscal year 2018 inflation increases for ISDEAA 105(I) leases
  - Elizabeth Fowler, Deputy Director for Management Operations
  - Ann Church, Acting Director, Office of Finance & Accounting

