Indian Health Service
All Tribes and Urban Indian Organization Leaders Call

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Welcome

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Agenda

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

- 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

• 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)

- 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
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](http://care.diabetesjournals.org/content/41/7/1462)
Tribal Management Grant Opportunity

• 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

• 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](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](https://go.usa.gov/xUnqB)
HRSA Funding Opportunity

• 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**

IHS Virtual Internship

• 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](https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/503976200)
Recent Events

• 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

• 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

- 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

- Launch of new IHS opioids website – 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

• 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

• 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

• 2nd 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

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

• 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(l) leases
  • Elizabeth Fowler, Deputy Director for Management Operations
  • Ann Church, Acting Director, Office of Finance & Accounting