Indian Health Service
All Tribes and Urban Organizations Call

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Agenda

• IHS Updates
• Tribal Consultation & Urban Confer Process
• Active IHS Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer Activities – 14
• Upcoming
IHS updates

• CAPT Brandon L. Taylor, IHS Chief of Staff
• RADM Weahkee testifies on progress in addressing GAO recommendations
• Groundbreaking this week of the Sacred Oaks Healing Center in Davis, California
Tribal Consultation & Urban Confer Process

- Critical Event
- Announcement
- Gather input
- Decision
- Reporting
Draft IHS Strategic Plan FY 2018-2022

• Draft Initial Framework: Mission, Vision, Goals and Objectives
• September 15, 2017: Initiated Tribal Consultation and Urban Indian Confer
• October 31, 2017: Initial Comment Period Ended for consideration by IHS Federal-Tribal Strategic Planning Workgroup
• November 2017-February 2018: Workgroup meetings
• Draft IHS Strategic Plan FY 2019-2022 in Federal Register
• Pending: Tribal Consultation and Urban Indian Confer
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: Decision is under agency review
Behavioral Health Initiative Funding
Tribal Consultation & Urban Confer

- Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer Letter was issued on May 18, 2018
- Tribal consultation and Urban Confer sessions
  - Tribal Confer-June 7th - completed
  - Urban Confer June 14th – completed
  - Tribal Consultation- June 20th - upcoming
- Tribal Consultation and Confer updates & details on each funding initiative available at [https://www.ihs.gov/dbh/consultationandconfer/](https://www.ihs.gov/dbh/consultationandconfer/)
  - Click the Virtual Learning Sessions link for details on each funding initiative
- Written comments due by August 1, 2018
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

• Comments Due by: July 13, 2018

• Consultation Sessions:
  • June 14, 9am-11:30am Mountain Time: In-person session in Phoenix, AZ — Completed
  • June 21, 4pm-5pm Eastern Time: Conference Call and Webinar
  • June 28, 9am-11:30am Central Time: In-person session in Minneapolis, MN
  • June 29, 9am-11:30am Pacific Time: In-person session in Seattle, WA

Additional information and the IHCIF Workgroup’s Interim Report: www.ihs.gov/ihcif
IHCIF Workgroup Recommendations - Summary

1. USER COUNT:
   - User population, national un-duplication, addition of non-PRCDA (non-CHSDA) users

2. PER USER COST BENCHMARK:
   - Replace the Federal Employee Health Benefit Program with the National Health Expenditure, including 4 categories:
     - Category 1: Health Care Services in Traditional Settings
     - Category 2: Residential, Home, Nursing Facilities, etc.
     - Category 3: Dental Services
     - Category 4: Public Health (no public works)

3. ALTERNATE RESOURCES:
   - Replace the 25% fixed calculation with a site-specific coverage value (percent) based on IHS site level coverage data adjusted for program weighting, coverage gaps, payment gaps, and program component enrollments. For sites with missing or outdated enrollment data, the State average will be used. For sites whose coverage value exceeds the State average, the value will be capped at the State average.

4. ACCESS TO CARE (Phase II):
   - PRC dependency, distance, facility condition, program size
Office of Information Technology

• IT Service Catalog
• Initiated on June 28, 2017
• Comment Period ended on August 4, 2017
• Decision: Approved by the IHS Acting Director on April 3, 2018
• Webpage updated from with Approved IT Service Catalog https://www.ihs.gov/oit/service-catalog/
• Reporting: Anticipate July 2018 Letter with Final Copy
Office of Information Technology

- Modernization of the Resource and Patient Management System Electronic Health Record (EHR)
- Announced on July 26, 2017
- Gathering input and recommendations: How best to modernize and improve our EHR via Listening Sessions, Federal-Tribal Workgroups, Requests for Information, etc.
- Status: On-going
Urban Confer on Standard Methodology to Allocate Program Increases to the Urban Indian Health Budget Line

• Dear Urban Indian Organization Leader Letter sent March 13, 2018 to request input on strategies, considerations, and/or methodologies to establish a standard methodology for program increases.

• Confer sessions were held April 10 and 17, 2018

• Written input was due on April 27, 2018
  • 37 recommendations received

• Status: Decision under Agency Review
Purchased/Referred Care Chapter Revisions

- **Tribal Consultation Topic:** Revisions and updates to the Indian Health Manual, Part 2, “Services to Indians and Others,” Chapter 3, “Purchased/Referred Care”. Consultation focuses on the updates and revisions to the Chapter since 2008.

- **Tribal Consultation Initiated:** May 18, 2018.
  - E-mail/Postal mail: Subject line, PRC Chapter Update Tribal Consultation to consultation@ihs.gov

- **Consultation Sessions:**
  - May 23 – in-person, 5pm to 6pm Central Time, Prior Lake, MN – completed
  - May 25 – All Tribes Call, 1pm to 2pm Eastern Time – completed
  - June 05 – Director’s Workgroup on Improving PRC call, 1pm to 2pm Eastern Time – completed
  - June 11 – All Tribes Call, 1pm to 2pm Eastern Time – completed
  - June 14 – In-person, 1:30pm to 3:00pm Mountain Time – completed
  - June 28 – In-person, 1:30pm to 3:00pm Central Time – In-person session in Minneapolis, MN (TBD, near airport)
  - June 29 – In-person, 1:30pm to 3:00pm Pacific Time - In-person session in Seattle, WA (TBD, near airport)

- **Additional Information:** [https://www.ihs.gov/prc/draft-prc-chapter-of-the-ihm/](https://www.ihs.gov/prc/draft-prc-chapter-of-the-ihm/)
  - Draft Chapter with bolded changes
  - PowerPoint with Chapter changes
  - Summary of comments to date
Contract Support Costs Policy

• To solicit input on replacing the existing language within section 6-3.2E(3) of the CSC Policy *Alternative Methods for Calculating Indirect Costs Associated with Recurring Service Unit Shares* (“97/3 Split” or “97/3 Method”)

• Initiated on April 13, 2018

• 30-day Comment period ended on May 18, 2018

• Status: Decision under Agency Review
Report to Congress on the Administration of the Tribal Self-Governance Program 25 USC § 5394

• **Purpose:** Report on Agency's administration of the Tribal Self-Governance Program by providing an accounting of the level of need being funded for each Indian Tribe under Self Governance agreements authorized under Title V

• **Requirement:** Distribute for Tribal consultation with a comment period of no less than 30 days.

• **Deadline:** Submit to Congress no later than January 1
  ◦ FY 2012-2014: Available on [https://www.ihs.gov/SelfGovernance/resources/](https://www.ihs.gov/SelfGovernance/resources/)
  ◦ FY 2015: Consultation completed; final report under review.
  ◦ FY 2016 & 17: Consultation on reports forthcoming
Draft Tribal Premium Sponsorship Policy

• To request comments and recommendations on a draft circular to address the purchase of health care coverage, commonly referred to as Tribal Premium Sponsorship in accordance with the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. § 1642)

• Initiated on July 18, 2016

• Comment Period ended on October 31, 2016

• Status: On hold
Proposed Rule for the Catastrophic Health Emergency Fund

- Proposed regulation on the Catastrophic Health Emergency Fund
- Federal Register Notice published on January 26, 2016
- Comment period ended on May 11, 2016
- Status: On hold
Proposed Headquarters Realignment

• A proposed realignment of IHS headquarters offices
• Initiated on October 5, 2016
• Comment Period ended on January 13, 2017
• Status: Decision under agency review
Upcoming

• Working Draft Sanitation Deficiency System – Guide for Reporting Sanitation Deficiencies of Indian Homes and Communities (SDS Guide)

• Policy and Implementation Plan to Nationalize a Community Health Aide Program in accordance with the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. § 1616/(d))

• Budget Formulation