

# Indian Health Service

## All Tribes and Urban Organizations Call

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RADM MICHAEL D. WEAHKEE  
ACTING DIRECTOR



# Welcome

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



# Recent meetings

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- Including:
  - Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee
  - National Congress of American Indians Executive Board
  - Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee
  - Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee
  - Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee



*Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee meeting*

# Site visits

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*Sonoma County Indian Health Project*

*The Pine Ridge Dental Team showed off their newly renovated clinic*



# HHS Updates

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- Secretary Alex Azar
  - Priorities:
    - Lowering drug prices
    - Making healthcare more affordable and available
    - Improving Medicare outcomes
    - Ending the opioids epidemic



# New IHS work groups

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- Community Health Aide Program Tribal Advisory Group
  - Charter published February 6, 2018
  - Exploring creation of a national Community Health Aide Program
  - First meeting scheduled for March 21-22 in Phoenix, Arizona
- Indian Health Care Improvement Fund Workgroup
  - First meeting held January 30-31 in Washington, DC
  - Evaluate and recommend changes to the IHCIF formula
    - used to determine funding needs for health care facilities operated by the IHS, tribes, and tribal organizations



# National Accountability Dashboard for Quality

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- IHS is accepting feedback on the dashboard from tribal leaders, partner organizations, IHS staff and the public. Visit: <https://www.ihs.gov/quality>



# Resources

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- Continuing Resolution through March 23, 2018
  - Includes FY 2018 and 2019 funding for Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI)
- Negotiations continue on FY 2018 Budget
- PRC Rates
  - IHS and Tribal programs have saved \$388.6 million through the end of 2017
  - Tribes can opt in to the PRC rates at any point
    - contact your contract proposal liaison officer or agency lead negotiator





# Upcoming meetings

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- Contract Support Cost Workgroup
  - March 6-7, 2018
  - Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Director's Workgroup on Improving Purchased/Referred Care
  - March 8-9, 2018
  - Albuquerque, New Mexico



# Accomplishments

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- William H.J. Haffner American Indian/Alaska Native Women's Health Award
  - Dr. Glen Kishi, Phoenix Indian Medical Center
- YRTC After Care Pilot Program
  - Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations in Spokane Valley, WA - \$810,000
  - Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center in Hemet, CA - \$810,000
  - Innovative and collaborative strategies to improve the health of Native youth as they transition from residential care back into the communities in which they live
- Announcement of new urban clinic in Billings, Montana
  - Native American Development Corporation



*Dr. Glen Kishi*



*Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center*

