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Dear Tribal Leader:

On May 8, the Indian Health Service (IHS) initiated a Tribal Consultation on a draft Indian Health Service (IHS) policy to implement, outline, and define a National Community Health Aide Program (CHAP). Over the past few weeks, a number of Tribes and Tribal Organizations have requested additional time to allow them to learn more about CHAP in order to make informed comments on the draft CHAP policy. Accordingly, the IHS will extend the comment period for your written comments until Monday, July 8, 2019.

As I previously mentioned, at the conclusion of the comment period, the CHAP Technical Advisory Group will review the compiled comments and make a final policy recommendation to consider prior to making a final policy decision.

Please send your written comments and recommendations on the IHS National CHAP:

• By e-mail to: consultation@ihs.gov

Subject Line: IHS National
CHAP Consultation

• By postal mail to:

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Thank you for your input and recommendations.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: *Draft Community Health Aide Program Policy*