

Indian Health Service

All Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leaders Call – Update on Lapse in Appropriations

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Welcome



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Senior Leadership Team

- **Deputy Director for Management Operations** – Elizabeth Fowler
- **Deputy Director for Intergovernmental Affairs** – Ben Smith
- **Office of Resource Access and Partnerships** – Cmdr. John Rael, Director
- **Office of Finance and Accounting** – Ann Church, Acting Director
- **Office of Tribal Self-Governance** – Jennifer Cooper, Director
- **Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes** – Roselyn Tso, Director
- **Office of Human Resources** – Lisa Gyorda, Director
- **Office of Urban Indian Health Programs** – Rose Weahkee, Acting Director
- **Division of Acquisition Policy** – Santiago Almaraz, Director
- **Division of Grants Management** – Robert Tarwater, Chief

Lapse in Appropriations

- **Partial Government Shutdown**
- **Other HHS Operating Divisions affected**
 - Food and Drug Administration
 - Superfund activities within the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences within the National Institutes of Health
 - Agency for Toxic Substances and Diseases Registry within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- **Effect on payments**
 - ISDEAA awards to tribes and tribal organizations
 - Urban Indian organizations authorized by the Indian Health Care Improvement Act

IHS Operations and Activities

- **Services provided and functions IHS can perform**
- **Work in IHS that may be paused during this lapse in appropriations period includes:**
 - national policy development and issuance,
 - some oversight functions,
 - training,
 - and other work that does not have an immediate effect on the delivery of health care
- **Impact on IHS Tribal Advisory Committee**
 - Work will resume once an appropriation is approved

IHS Operations and Activities

- **Excepted activities**
 - addresses emergency circumstances, such that the suspension of the function would imminently threaten the safety of human life or the protection of property (OMB).
- **Information and feedback on the impact of partial shutdown**
 - Send to IHSPublicAffairsStaff@ihs.gov
- **Scheduled Advisory Committee Meetings**
- **Limited administrative functions performed in Area offices and at IHS headquarters**

Questions and Answers

- Purchased/Referred Care
- Difference between an excepted and non-excepted employee
- Status of Intergovernmental Personnel Act agreements or Memorandum of Agreements
- Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Negotiations
- Grants.gov
- Status of Special Diabetes for Indians program funding



Payments after Government Reopens

- Step 1: Congress must pass and the President must sign a full-year appropriation or a continuing resolution to fund the government.
- Step 2: The Office of Management and Budget provides an automatic apportionment of amounts appropriated under the CR percentage of the previous fiscal year level for the period of the CR.
- Step 3: The IHS Office of Finance and Accounting allots the funding to IHS Areas.
 - By allot, we mean the transfer of obligational authority.
- Step 4: The Area Offices work with the appropriate offices to confirm amounts to paid with the terms of funding agreement.
- Step 5: Payment documents are processed for clearance and signature to award.
- Step 6: Once approved, funds are obligated and payment is transmitted electronically to the Tribe or Urban Indian Organization.

Points of Contact

- **Area Directors**
- **Direct Service Tribes and Title I Self-Determination**
 - Roselyn Tso, Director, Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes at 301-443-1104
- **Title V Self-Governance**
 - Jennifer Cooper, Director, Office of Tribal Self-Governance at 301-443-7821
- **Urban Indian Organization Contracts**
 - Rose Weahkee, Acting Director, Office of Urban Indian Health Programs at 301-480-3184
- **Purchased/Referred Care**
 - John Rael, Director, Office of Resource Access and Partnerships at 301-443-0969

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