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
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- **Office of Human Resources** – Lisa Gyorda, Director
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- **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.

Archived presentations can be found in the Director’s Speeches section of the IHS website.
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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