Welcome

Rear Adm. Michael Weahkee
Principal Deputy Director, Indian Health Service
Senior Leadership Team

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- **Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes** – Roselyn Tso, Director
- **Office of Human Resources** – Lisa Gyorda, Director
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Updates

• HHS contingency plan

• 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

• Effect on payments
  ◦ ISDEAA awards to tribes and tribal organizations
  ◦ Urban Indian organizations authorized by the Indian Health Care Improvement Act
  ◦ Grants management

• IHS Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee Meeting

• Indian Health Care Improvement Fund Workgroup Meeting

• Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee Meeting

• National Tribal Budget Formulation Work Session
Points of Contact

• **Area Directors**

• **Direct Service Tribes and Title I Self-Determination**
  ◦ Roselyn Tso, Director, Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes at 301-443-1827

• **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
Calls will continue during shutdown

**Thursdays**  
3:30 pm Eastern Time

**Conference Call:** 800-857-5577  
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