

Indian Health Service

All Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leaders Call

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Welcome



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Service



Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America initiative

Ending
the
HIV
Epidemic

GOAL:

75%
reduction in new
HIV infections
in 5 years
and at least
90%
reduction
in 10 years.

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Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America initiative

The Initiative will target our resources to the 48 highest burden counties, Washington, D.C., San Juan, Puerto Rico, and 7 states with a substantial rural HIV burden.



Geographical Selection:

Data on burden of HIV in the US shows areas where HIV transmission occurs more frequently. More than 50% of new HIV diagnoses* occurred in only 48 counties, Washington, D.C., and San Juan, Puerto Rico. In addition, 7 states have a substantial rural burden – with over 75 cases and 10% or more of their diagnoses in rural areas.

IHS CY2019 Rate Notice Versus CY2018 Actual Rates

January 28, 2019 (Date will be updated to date of FR Notice)

	CY 2018 Actual Rates	CY2019 Actual Rates	CY2019 Change -\$	CY2019 Change-%
Medicaid Inpatient Cost Per Day				
Lower 48 States	\$3,229	\$3,442	\$213	6.6%
Alaska	\$3,277	\$3,434	\$157	4.8%
Medicaid Outpatient Cost Per Visit				
Lower 48 States	\$427	\$455	\$28	6.6%
Alaska	\$653	\$682	\$29	4.4%
Medicare Outpatient Cost Per Visit				
Lower 48 States	\$383	\$405	\$22	5.7%
Alaska	\$595	\$646	\$51	8.6%
Medicare Ancillary Cost Per Day				
Lower 48 States	\$740	\$789	\$49	6.6%
Alaska	\$1,061	\$1,144	\$83	7.8%

Rates 19 Approved vs 18 Actual 1-28-19

IHS Headquarters Reorganization

- [Federal Register Notice](#), December 26, 2018
- [Dear Tribal Leader](#) and [Urban Indian Organization Leader](#) letter was posted on 12/20/18
- Email notification to tribes, tribal organizations and urban Indian organizations was sent on 12/21/18



Funding Opportunities

IHS Externship Program – Deadline Extended

Provides college students across the country with hands-on, instructive experience in a health care setting before graduation. [Apply here](#)

- Summer 2019 application deadline: March 1, 2019

IHS Scholarship Program 2019-2020

IHS offers financial support for qualified graduate and undergraduate American Indian and Alaska Native students

- New application deadline: March 28, 2019
- Renewal application deadline: February 28, 2019

Rural Residency Planning and Development Program

I/T/U sites are eligible to apply, either as primary applicants, or with a partner academic medical center as primary. [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

- Applications Accepted: 11/29/2018 - 03/04/2019
- Projected Award Date: 08/01/2019

Hotline for Reporting Fraud, Waste, Abuse and Mismanagement

- The line is monitored Monday-Friday during normal Eastern Time business hours. You can also call anytime and leave a message (with contact information if you want someone to return your call)
 - IHS hotline: **(301) 443-0658**
 - You can also submit reports online at <https://www.ihs.gov/reportFraud/>
- HHS Office of Inspector General Hotline: (800) 447-8477



IHS Personnel Update



Beverly Cotton, DNP, RN, CPNP-PC
Nashville Area Director
Indian Health Service



IHS Personnel Update



Rear Adm. Brandon Taylor



Rear Adm. Francis Frazier



Rear Adm. Travis Watts

Feedback

- Impact and feedback on partial federal government shutdown
 - Send to IHSPublicAffairsStaff@ihs.gov

Weekly calls will continue through Feb. 14

Thursdays

3:30 pm Eastern Time

Conference Call: 800-857-5577

Participant Passcode: 6703929

Webinar Adobe Connect: <https://ihs.cosocloud.com/r4k6jib09mj/>

Participant Password: ihs123

- Following each meeting, the slides are available at <https://www.ihs.gov/newsroom/directorspeeches/>

Senior Leadership Team

- **Chief Medical Officer** – RADM Michael Toedt
- **Deputy Director for Management Operations** – Elizabeth Fowler
- **Deputy Director for Intergovernmental Affairs** – Ben Smith
- **Office of Public Health Support** – RADM Francis Frazier, Director
- **Office of Environmental Health and Engineering** – Gary Hartz, Director
- **Office of Resource Access and Partnerships** – CDR John Rael, Director
- **Office of Finance and Accounting** – Ann Church, Acting Director
- **Office of Tribal Self-Governance** – Jennifer Cooper, Director/Carla Mayo, Deputy 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, Director

