

Indian Health Service

All Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leaders Call

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Welcome



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IHS Update

FY 2020 Budget Update

- The President signed a continuing resolution for FY 2020 that provides federal funding through November 21. In addition to CR funding for this period (Oct 1 – Nov 21):
 - \$19 million for staffing and operating costs of newly constructed health care facilities
 - \$21 million for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians
 - Extension of the Alaska Native Regional Health Entities provision
- Exception apportionment
- The Senate bill for FY 2020 was approved on September 26
 - \$6 billion in total discretionary budget authority for the IHS
 - Builds on the FY 2019 enacted funding level, including the Community Health Representatives, Health Education, and Tribal Management Grants programs
 - Increase highlights include: tribal clinic operational costs (105(I) leases), New Tribes, Community Health Aide Program, Electronic Health Record, and Health Care Facility Construction Demonstration Projects

IHS Update

- Rear Adm. Buchanan testified on the Health Care Access for Urban Native Veterans Act, September 19
- Rear Adm. Weahkee testified on the Indian Programs Advance Appropriations Act and the IHS Advance Appropriations Act of 2019, September 25



IHS Update

- The [Tribal Management Grant Program](#) issued awards to the following tribes and tribal organizations:

<u>Grant Recipient</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc.	Anchorage	AK	\$150,000
Muscogee (Creek) Nation	Okmulgee	OK	\$150,000
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation	Sisseton	SD	\$150,000
Rosebud Sioux Tribe	Rosebud	SD	\$49,000
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	Nespelem	WA	\$129,486
Benewah Medical Center	Plummer	ID	\$100,000
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe	Port Angeles	WA	\$121,414
Southern Indian Health Council, Inc.	Alpine	CA	\$100,000
Kalispel Tribe of Indians	Cusick	WA	\$50,000

- The [Office of Urban Indian Health Programs](#) announced the award of \$1,050,000 to the National Council of Urban Indian Health for the Urban Indian Education and Research Program Cooperative Agreement. NCUIH will provide services and education for 41 Urban Indian Organizations in 22 states.

IHS Update

- The Office of Quality recently announced the Innovation Awards for 2019-2020
- This opportunity is for PCMH accredited sites to develop and implement a quality improvement innovation or demonstration project that addresses social determinants of health in Native communities
 - Chinle Comprehensive Healthcare Facility – Chinle, AZ
 - *Enabling CHRs to Communicate Effectively with the Primary Care Team*
 - Western Oregon Service Unit, Chemawa Indian Health Center – Salem, OR
 - *Applying Public Health and Behavioral Prevention Strategies to Positive Youth Development Programs*
 - Oklahoma City Indian Clinic – Oklahoma City, OK
 - *Promoting Equitable, High Quality Healthcare Through Medical Social Workers*

IHS Update

- IHS is [seeking input](#) on the MOU and related performance measures with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, and IHS
 - First listening session was held during the NIHB National Tribal Health Conference on September 16
- Establishing a [National Community Health Aide Program](#)
 - CHAP TAG meeting was held on September 9 to finalize recommendations and the policy will soon go out for agency-wide review

IHS Update

- [Planning and Negotiation Cooperative Agreements](#)
 - These annual awards support tribes and tribal organizations with the planning and preparation necessary to assume responsibility for providing health care to tribal members through the Self-Governance Program
 - Application deadline: **October 23**
 - Contact Roxanne.houston@ihs.gov with any questions
- IHS initiated [tribal consultation](#) and [urban confer](#) on the distribution of funding for the IHS Special Diabetes Program for Indians in FY 2021
 - When tribal consultation is complete, the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee will convene to review the comments and provide recommendations for the IHS to consider prior to making a decision
 - Comment submission deadline: **December 2**

Shortage Designation Modernization Project: Auto-HPSA

- ITU scores were updated on September 10 to include fluoridation and mental health data. Scores are available at the HRSA Data Warehouse: <https://data.hrsa.gov/>
- Current NHSC participants and those awarded in FY 2019 **were not** impacted
- There is the flexibility to use facility-specific data to be rescored
- Updates to the Auto-HPSA Online Portal need to be submitted by November 1 to assure they can be processed for the 2020 cycle
- HRSA is committed to working with IHS, tribal, and urban facilities to address concerns
- Please contact HRSA staff at SDB@hrsa.gov with questions or to request individual briefings or technical assistance

IHS Update

- IHS and the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board's Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center recently signed an agreement supporting a new information-sharing project to provide more accurate data to Northwest tribes
- This is planned to serve as a pilot project, creating the possibility that other tribal epidemiology centers will launch similar projects in the future
- [IHS Signs New Agreement Supporting Information-Sharing to Tribal Organization](#)



IHS Update

- Director for the Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes
 - This is a Senior Executive Service level position:
<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/545479000>
- Deputy Director for the Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes
 - Please visit URL: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/546834100>



IHS Update

- Mandatory employee training on protecting children from sexual abuse in health care settings
 - Providing a safe and caring environment for our patients is a top priority as we work to improve and sustain the culture of care throughout the agency
 - We are doing all we can throughout our agency to strengthen our protection for patients.



Recent Events

- U.S. Conference on AIDS, September 5-8
- Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting, September 11-12
- National Indian Health Board, National Tribal Health Conference, September 16-20
- HHS Regions 1-4 Tribal Consultations, September 18-24



Recent Events

- National Caucus of Native American State Legislators meeting “Improving Outcomes for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women,” September 23-24
- Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee, September 30
- Joint Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee and Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee Meeting, October 1-2



Upcoming Events

October 8: Albuquerque Area Quarterly Tribal Consultation

October 9-10: Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee Meeting – Santa Barbara, CA

October 16-17: Director's Workgroup on Improving PRC Meeting – Rockville, MD

October 20-25: National Congress of American Indians 76th Annual Convention and Marketplace, Albuquerque, NM

October 21: Tribal Budget Consultation and Area Instructions Webinar #2

October 22-24: Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board October Quarterly Board Meeting - Pendleton, OR

October 29-November 1: OEHE Associate Directors Meeting – Rockville, MD

Upcoming Events

All Tribal and Urban Indian Organizations Call

Thursday, November 7, 2019

3:30 pm Eastern Time

Conference Call: 800-857-5577

Participant Passcode: 6703929

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

Participant Password: ihs123

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