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Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

The Indian Health Service (IHS) Division of Health Professions Support requests your assistance in identifying priority health professions for inclusion into categories eligible for the IHS Scholarship Program (SP) in academic year 2022-2023 and the IHS Loan Repayment Program (LRP) in fiscal year (FY) 2022.

Annually, the IHS seeks feedback on a list of "Priority Categories" for inclusion in the IHS SP and the IHS LRP. For academic year 2022-2023, and FY 2022, the IHS SP and the IHS LRP, respectively, will be funding physicians, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, and optometrists. Additional health professions available for funding will be determined with input from IHS Areas.

If you have a relative need for any other health profession(s), please send us your list of priorities on the enclosed spreadsheets. Your submission is limited to health professions priorities for which you currently have vacancies, or are anticipating vacancies within the next year.

We would like to invite all Indian health programs to participate in this process to help determine the approved disciplines for the upcoming academic and fiscal year. For more information on the IHS SP and IHS LRP, please visit our Web sites at www.ihs.gov/scholarship and www.ihs.gov/loanrepayment.

Please e-mail your priorities by **July 7, 2021**, to Ms. Tara Johnston at tara.johnston@ihs.gov. If you have any questions about the IHS SP, please contact Mr. Eric Pinto (SP) by e-mail at eric.pinto@ihs.gov, or by telephone at (301) 443-5086; questions about the IHS LRP, please contact Mr. Correy Ahhaitty (LRP) by e-mail at correy.ahhaitty@ihs.gov, or by telephone at (301) 443-3396.

Sincerely,

/Elizabeth A. Fowler/
Acting Director

Enclosures: 2022 Priority Chart - Scholarship Program Survey
2022 Priority Chart - Loan Repayment Program Survey