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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 2023-2024 and the IHS Loan Repayment Program (LRP) in fiscal year (FY) 2023.

Annually, the IHS seeks feedback on a list of "Priority Categories" for inclusion in the IHS SP and the IHS LRP. For academic year 2023-2024, and FY 2023, the IHS SP and the IHS LRP, respectively, will be funding physicians, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, and optometrists. We will also be asking IHS Areas to provide their feedback on health professions funding priorities.

Please send us your list of priorities on the enclosed spreadsheets. Please limit your submission to health professions priorities for which you currently have full-time vacancies, or are anticipating full-time 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 year and fiscal year selections. 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 August 1, 2022, to Ms. Tara Johnston at Tara.Johnston@ihs.gov. If you have any questions about the IHS SP, please contact CAPT Michael Bartholomew (SP) by e-mail at Michael.Bartholomew@ihs.gov, or by telephone at (301) 443-2349; questions about the IHS LRP, please contact Ms. Jackie Santiago (LRP) by e-mail at Jackie.Santiago@ihs.gov, or by telephone at (301) 443-2486.

Sincerely yours,

/Tina Conners/
Acting Deputy Director for
Management Operations

Enclosures: 2023 Priority Chart - Scholarship Program Survey
2023 Priority Chart - Loan Repayment Program Survey