



October 1, 2023

Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to share information regarding the current status of fiscal year (FY) 2024 appropriations for the Indian Health Service (IHS). The status of an FY 2024 appropriation for the Federal Government is garnering a lot of news and I want to assure you that the IHS has authorization and funding to continue operations and the provision of direct health care services.

As you know, the IHS received its first ever advance appropriations in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328), which provides \$5.1 billion in FY 2024 for nearly all programs in the IHS Services and Facilities accounts. The historic enactment of advance appropriations was made possible through the collective efforts of Congress, the Administration, including the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, and our Tribal and Urban Indian Organization partners. This significant achievement means that the IHS is in a position to maintain continuity of operations and there is increased funding stability for the Indian health system. I am pleased to share that FY 2024 funds are available for obligation as of today, October 1.

Yesterday, the “Continuing Appropriations Act, 2024 and Other Extensions Act” was enacted and funds the Federal Government through November 17. The FY 2024 Continuing Resolution does not affect IHS advance appropriations that are already appropriated for a full fiscal year, which include the same funding level as FY 2023 for almost all programs in the IHS Services and Facilities accounts. The FY 2024 advance appropriations and carryover funds from previously appropriated funds, including COVID supplemental funds, are not limited to the pro-rata percentage applied by the continuing resolution, and the IHS has access to this full funding amount as of October 1. In the coming days, the IHS will begin distributing FY 2024 advance appropriations to IHS programs, Tribal Health Programs, and Urban Indian Organizations.

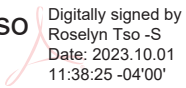
Activities that did not receive IHS advance appropriations, which include health care and sanitation facilities construction, the Electronic Health Record System, and the Indian Health Care Improvement Fund, will continue to operate using the pro-rata funding amount available under the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution and previously appropriated funds as they are available. Under the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution, the IHS also has the authority to fully fund all Contract Support Costs and Payments for Tribal Leases that are due during the Continuing Resolution period.

You can find additional information on IHS advance appropriations at the link that follows:  
[IHS Blog: IHS Provides an Update on Advance Appropriations Implementation.](#)

I want to thank each Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader for your continued dedication and contributions to the IHS mission and the American Indians and Alaska Natives we serve.

Sincerely,

Roselyn Tso  
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