

Indian Health Service Rockville MD 20857

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Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

On behalf of myself and the entire staff of the Indian Health Service (IHS), I want to express our commitment to our patients and our Tribal and Urban partners throughout Indian Country. Today, I write to invite you to join us in our efforts to improve our communications with Tribes, Tribal organizations, and Urban Indian Organizations (UIO) by actively participating in the following communication activities.

Monthly All Tribal Leaders and Urban Indian Organization Leaders Call

On the first Thursday of the month, the IHS hosts a virtual meeting to provide the most up-to-date information affecting Tribes, Tribal organizations, and UIO. You can find the agenda and call in information for this monthly meeting on the <u>IHS calendar</u>.

The IHS Updates

The IHS provides <u>bi-weekly updates</u> to share information on IHS and other Federal meetings, conferences, deadlines, and recognition from across the Indian health system. You may subscribe to receive e-mail updates every other Friday by <u>visiting the IHS Newsroom update</u> <u>section of the website</u> and filling in your information under "Stay Connected". For more information or questions about the IHS Updates, please e-mail <u>IHSPublicAffairsStaff@ihs.gov</u>.

The IHS 2023 Work Plan

The IHS is developing and implementing a <u>work plan</u>, which describes critical actions needed to address key priorities that directly impact IHS operations, improves communications with our Tribal and Urban Indian Organization partners, and aims to ensure the delivery of quality, patient-centered care. I will continue to publicly share our progress and accomplishments on the work plan. For a preview of the key priorities identified for our 2023 Agency Work Plan, I encourage you to review our <u>fact sheet</u> and <u>summary of our work plan</u>.

Social Media

The IHS social media sites provide daily updates and information from across the IHS and help patients and other key partners stay connected with our agency. You may follow the IHS via social media on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>YouTube</u>, and <u>LinkedIn</u>. Additionally, many of our Area Offices and Service Units maintain a Facebook page for their organizations.

Improving our communications is one way to reaffirm our commitment to improving the quality of patient care throughout the Indian health system. We look forward to your participation and

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feedback to ensure we work closely with you to form an improved understanding of Tribal and Urban Indian health care systems and their needs.

Sincerely,

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