



July 29, 2024

Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to invite you to join the Indian Health Service (IHS) on Friday, August 16, 2024, at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona, for a Tribal Summit on Health Information Technology (IT) Modernization.

Held in conjunction with the 2024 IHS Partnership Conference, this year's Tribal Summit is a half-day, in-person, event for Tribal Leaders and Urban Indian Organization Leaders to participate in face-to-face discussions with IHS leadership regarding the Health IT Modernization Program. The IHS will share updates with attendees on the IT implementation planning process and enterprise build process.

We anticipate a robust and meaningful dialogue with Tribal Leaders and Urban Indian Organization Leaders on important Health IT modernization issues impacting American Indian and Alaska Native communities as a result of this initiative. Space will be made available at the Summit for Tribal Leaders and Urban Indian Organization Leaders to caucus, which will offer wide-ranging opportunities to exchange viewpoints and share information.

While participation is optional for both the 2024 IHS Partnership Conference and the Tribal Summit, we hope you will be able to attend both events. The IHS Partnership Conference will be jointly hosted by the IHS Office of Resource Access and Partnerships, the Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes, and the IHS Office of Information Technology. Scheduled to take place over a 3-day period, from August 13 - 15, 2024, the IHS Partnership Conference will provide valuable information for Tribal, Urban Indian, and Federal health care administrators, managers, and front-line staff who work in computer technology environments, health IT, business office, financial management, Purchased/Referred Care, and health information management departments.

For your convenience, I have added the registration links for both events from the [IHS Event Calendar](#) and the [Health IT Modernization Events](#) web page.

Please register in advance for the Tribal Summit on Health IT Modernization. After registering, attendees will receive an email confirming registration.

IHS Tribal Summit on Health IT Modernization	
Date:	Friday, August 16, 2024
Who should attend:	Tribal Leaders and Urban Indian Organization Leaders
Location:	Phoenix Convention Center 100 North 3rd Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85004
Time:	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Mountain Standard Time)
Registration:	https://www.ihs.gov/ihscalendar/calendar/health-it-modernization-tribal-summit/ If you are also registering for the 2024 IHS Partnership Conference, please check “yes” in the box indicating you are attending the Tribal Summit on Health IT Modernization on Friday, August 16.

Thank you for your support and ongoing partnership in the Health IT modernization effort. We look forward to your input and discussion at the Tribal Summit.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Mitchell Thornbrugh, Chief Information Officer, IHS, by telephone at (240) 620-3117, or by email at mitchell.thornbrugh@ihs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Tribal Summit on Health Information Technology Modernization Agenda