



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Indian Health Service
Rockville MD 20857

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Dear Arizona Tribal Leader:

I am writing to initiate Tribal Consultation and seek your recommendations on an updated feasibility study for creating a state-wide Purchased/Referred Care Delivery Area (PRCDA) in Arizona.

As noted in the June 23, 2025, letter, the Indian Health Service (IHS) previously completed a feasibility study to designate the State of Arizona as a PRCDA for the purpose of providing Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) services to members of Indian Tribes in the State of Arizona. However, that feasibility study is now outdated due to changes in Tribal enrollment numbers, demographics, and funding that have occurred since its development.

The IHS is re-evaluating whether a state-wide PRCDA in Arizona remains feasible, appropriate, and beneficial for Tribes. We are seeking your input on the potential impact of a state-wide PRCDA on PRC program funds and on the ability to purchase comprehensive health care services for Indians throughout the State of Arizona.

The IHS invites you to provide your feedback during an in-person Tribal Consultation session to be held on:

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. MST
Location: Marriott Phoenix Chandler
1600 South Price Rd
Chandler AZ 85286

Written comments will be accepted throughout the duration of the Tribal Consultation period. The deadline to provide your written comments is **March 6, 2026**.

Please send your comments by email to consultation@ihs.gov.

SUBJECT LINE: Arizona State-wide PRCDA Study Tribal Consultation.

I look forward to receiving your comments and input. If you have any questions, please contact CDR Tracy Sanchez, Acting Director, Office of Resource Access and Partnerships, IHS, by telephone at (301) 443-3216, or by email at tracy.sanchez@ihs.gov.

Sincerely,

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