



January 26, 2026

Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to provide advance notice of two upcoming information sessions that the Indian Health Service (IHS) will convene in Calendar Year (CY) 2026 to continue our discussion of the IHS Health Information Technology (HIT) Modernization Program. In conjunction with ongoing Agency outreach, we will also be seeking your recommendations and feedback via Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer on these topics.

Please “*Save the Date*” and make plans to join us at these important and timely meetings. Your participation and input to date have been vital to improving the Health IT Modernization Program.

During each of these information sessions, the IHS will provide an update of current progress to date, milestones, and program challenges.

- During the information session scheduled for **March 5, 2026**, Health IT Modernization Program leadership will provide program and pilot site updates, focusing on enterprise acceptance of PATH EHR, End-User Training, Four Directions Warehouse, Patient Portal, site design workshops, and Change Impacts.
- The information session scheduled for **August 6, 2026**, will provide an overview of the pilot site after PATH EHR goes live and share plans for future cohorts.

Each information session will be delivered virtually via Zoom. We are asking that attendees register in advance for the sessions through the links provided in the enclosure, “*IHS Calendar Year 2026 Health Information Technology Modernization Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer Sessions.*” After registering, each attendee will receive an acknowledgement email, which will include a link to access the web conference and audio call-in numbers.

For your convenience, the IHS has added the registration links for the information sessions to the [IHS Event Calendar](#) and the [Health IT Modernization Events](#) webpage. We will also be sending timely reminders for the scheduled information sessions by email from IHS Headquarters and Area IHS Offices.

WRITTEN COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please email your comments and recommendations on each Health IT Modernization Program information session within 30 days following each scheduled session.

Please transmit your comments to the appropriate email address:
consultation@ihs.gov or urbanconfer@ihs.gov.

We are requesting that your emails use the **SUBJECT LINES** that follow:

Health IT Modernization CY 03-5-2026
Health IT Modernization CY 08-6-2026

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in the Health IT Modernization Program. The IHS looks forward to your input and discussion at each of these information sessions.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clayton W. Fulton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Clayton W. Fulton
Chief of Staff
(Delegated Authority of the IHS Director)

Enclosure: *IHS Calendar Year 2026 Health Information Technology Modernization Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer Sessions*