



2019 National Advisory Committee and Workgroup Report

Purchase Referred Care Program Workgroup (PRC)

PHOENIX AREA REPRESENTATIVES:

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CHARGE or PURPOSE IHS) Director's Workgroup on Improving Purchased/Referred Care (PRC):

The Indian Health Service (IHS) Director's Workgroup on Improving Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) was established in March 2010, and the charge is to formulate and provide strategic recommendations to the IHS Director, on improving the IHS/PRC program through the review of received proposed recommendations for improvement, evaluation of the new PRC funds distribution formula and recommend process improvements that enhance PRC operations within the IHS and the Indian Health system. To that end, IHS policies will ensure that PRC services are reliable and accessible, fully funded, delivered in a culturally-sensitive environment and coordinated and integrated across the Indian health system.

During FY 2019 the Workgroup held meetings at these locations and dates.

October 16-17, 2018, in Portland, Oregon

May 16-17, 2019, in Phoenix, Arizona

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND/OR ACTIONS (Brief one page bulleted points):

- During the October 2018 meeting, the PRC Workgroup discussed and provided comments on the consultation for proposed updates to the Indian Health Manual, Part 2, Chapter 3.
- RADM Michael Weahkee, IHS Principal Deputy Director, and CDR John Rael, the new Director for the Office of Resource Access and Partnerships (ORAP) attended the May 2019 meeting.
- The PRC Workgroup reviewed changes to the PRC Chapter of the Indian Health Manual, Part 2, Chapter 3
- An update on the implementation of the Catastrophic Health Emergency Fund (CHEF) Online Tool was presented by the Oklahoma Area.
- A best practice presentation was also provided on Care Coordination Agreements by Workgroup Co-Chair Mr. Jim Roberts, Alaska Area
- The next Workgroup meeting is scheduled for mid-October in Washington, DC. A meeting announcement will be posted to the IHS calendar when logistics are confirmed.