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Dear Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to initiate Urban Confer to seek your recommendations for improving Urban Indian Health Program policy, procedures, and effectiveness. The current Indian Health Service (IHS) Urban Indian Health Program Policy is available online in the *Indian Health Manual (IHM)*, Chapter 19, "Urban Indian Health Program."

The IHS is authorized to enter into contracts and grants with non-profit Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs). The purpose of these formal agreements is to assist UIOs in establishing and administering Urban Indian health programs and related activities as authorized by the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, Public Law 94-437, as amended.

Headquarters, Area Offices, Service Units, and UIOs use IHS Urban Indian Health Program Policy guidance as follows: to ensure access to high-quality and safe health care services for Urban Indians; to support health promotion and disease prevention programs targeted to urban populations; and to assess program performance to evaluate whether Urban Indian community needs are met.

**URBAN CONFER SESSION (VIRTUAL):** Please make plans to join us on *Tuesday, April 19, 2022*, for a virtual Urban Confer session on improving the Urban Indian Health Program Policy.

<b>URBAN CONFER SESSION IHS URBAN INDIAN HEALTH PROGRAM POLICY</b>	
<b>DATE:</b>	Tuesday, April 19, 2022
<b>TIME:</b>	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., ET
<b>REGISTRATION LINK:</b>	<a href="https://ihs.gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItceCoqz8uEzM810JhVqHL7wgXJcE1mSc">https://ihs- gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItceCoqz8uEzM810JhVqH L7wgXJcE1mSc</a>

**WRITTEN COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** I would also like to encourage Urban Indian Organization Leaders to e-mail your comments and recommendations by the Confer comment deadline of **Monday, June 20, 2022**.

- **Please send your e-mail to: [urbanconfer@ihs.gov](mailto:urbanconfer@ihs.gov)** - Subject line: **IHS Urban Indian Health Program Policy**.

I look forward to your feedback and recommendations on improving the IHS Urban Indian Health Program Policy.

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If you have questions, please contact CDR Shannon Beyale, Health System Specialist, Office of Urban Indian Health Programs, IHS, by telephone at (301) 945-3657, or by e-mail at [shannon.beyale@ihs.gov](mailto:shannon.beyale@ihs.gov).

Thank you for your support and partnership as we work to ensure the highest possible health status for Urban Indians.

Sincerely,

/Elizabeth A. Fowler/  
Acting Director