## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**



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Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Indian Health Service (IHS) are pleased to announce the availability of new funding that we believe may be of particular interest to you. As part of the Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019 and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019, HRSA, through the National Health Service Corps (NHSC), received \$15 million to support loan repayment awards to fully-trained medical, nursing, and behavioral/mental health clinicians, and Substance Use Disorder providers, who provide primary health services in Indian Health Service facilities, Tribally-Operated 638 Health Programs, and Urban Indian Health Programs.

Tribal, Urban, and federal health care facilities are eligible for these funds. We recommend that Tribal, Urban Indian, and federal health care facilities consider this workforce opportunity and encourage you to share this information widely.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this program. We hope that you will register your facility to take advantage of this and other funding opportunities that may be of interest. If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact your HRSA regional points of contact, listed at: <a href="https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/nhsc-sites/contacts/regional-offices-state-contacts.html">https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/nhsc-sites/contacts/regional-offices-state-contacts.html</a>.

Sincerely,

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