



July 1, 2024

Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

The Indian Health Service (IHS) Division of Health Professions Support requests your assistance in identifying priority health professions for inclusion into categories eligible for the IHS Scholarship Program (SP) in academic year 2025-2026 and the IHS Loan Repayment Program (LRP) in fiscal year (FY) 2025.

Annually, the IHS seeks feedback on a list of "Priority Categories" for inclusion in the IHS SP and the IHS LRP. For academic year 2025-2026 and FY 2025, the IHS SP and the IHS LRP, respectively, will be funding physicians, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, and optometrists. We are also asking IHS Areas to provide their feedback on health professions funding priorities.

Please send us your list of priorities on the enclosed spreadsheets. Please limit your submission to health professions for which you currently have full-time vacancies or are anticipating full-time vacancies within the next year.

We would like to invite all Indian health programs to participate in this process to help determine the approved disciplines for the upcoming academic year and fiscal year selections. For more information on the IHS SP and IHS LRP, please visit our websites at [www.ihs.gov/scholarship](http://www.ihs.gov/scholarship) and [www.ihs.gov/loanrepayment](http://www.ihs.gov/loanrepayment).

Please email your priorities by August 1, 2024, to Mr. Jeremy Sheehan at [Jeremy.Sheehan@ihs.gov](mailto:Jeremy.Sheehan@ihs.gov). If you have any questions about the IHS SP, please contact CAPT Michael L. Bartholomew (IHS SP) by email at [Michael.Bartholomew@ihs.gov](mailto:Michael.Bartholomew@ihs.gov), or by telephone at (301) 443-2349. If you have questions about the IHS LRP, please contact Mr. Correy Ahhaitty (IHS LRP) by email at [Correy.Ahhaitty@ihs.gov](mailto:Correy.Ahhaitty@ihs.gov), or by telephone at (301) 443-2544.

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Enclosures: 2025 Priority Chart - Scholarship Program Survey  
2025 Priority Chart - Loan Repayment Program Survey