



April 7, 2025

Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to inform you that the Indian Health Service (IHS) will continue with the competitive grant funding distribution method for the following seven behavioral health initiatives:

- Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention (SPIP)
- Substance Abuse, Prevention, Treatment and Aftercare (SAPTA)
- Domestic Violence Prevention (DVP)
- Forensic Health Care Services (FHC)
- Zero Suicide Initiative (ZSI)
- Behavioral Health Integration Initiative (BH2I)
- Youth Regional Treatment Centers Aftercare Pilot (YRTC)

The IHS explored potential options to change the funding mechanism to a Tribal share allocation distribution method. After careful deliberations, the IHS decided to continue funding the seven behavioral health initiatives, which are currently in year 3 of a 5-year funding cycle, by a grant mechanism through the end of their respective funding cycles. The enclosed *IHS Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer Summary Report for Funding Methodologies for Seven Behavioral Health Initiatives* provides an overview of the comments received.

**Funding:** The IHS receives \$59.5 million annually for these seven behavioral health initiatives and designates \$43.9 million for grants to Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Urban Indian Organizations. The remaining funds are allocated for IHS national management to support administrative activities, such as oversight, reporting, and information sharing to external entities, including the Office of Management and Budget and Congress.

If you have programmatic related questions, please contact Dr. Glorinda Segay, Director, Division of Behavioral Health, IHS, by email at [glorinda.segay@ihs.gov](mailto:glorinda.segay@ihs.gov). For questions about grants management issues, please contact the IHS Division of Grants Management by email at [dgm@ihs.gov](mailto:dgm@ihs.gov).

Thank you for your continued partnership with IHS on the important work of prevention, treatment, and behavioral health integration activities in the Tribal communities that we serve.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: *IHS Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer Summary Report for Funding Methodologies for Seven Behavioral Health Initiatives*