



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services
Administration

Rockville, MD 20857
Bureau of Primary Health Care

Friday, January 6th, 2023

Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) remains committed to ensuring that the health care needs of underserved populations, including those of Indian Country, are addressed in an equitable and transparent manner. Thus, via this notice, we are informing you that HRSA is performing an equity assessment that will analyze the process involved for organizations, including tribal organizations, to navigate the [Health Center Program](#), via Look-Alike Initial Designation, New Access Point funding, and/or Service Area Competition.

As part of these efforts, HRSA's Bureau of Primary Health Care will hold a listening session on Tuesday, February 7th, 2023, at 4:00 pm ET. You are invited to contribute your expert technical opinion on the unique barriers organizations serving American Indian and Alaska Native communities experience in trying to join the Health Center Program. The listening session will be conducted as a virtual meeting. Please register for the session using this link: https://hrsa.gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_p-8vl2QzQ3C3e3mNqDxkLQ.

HRSA is dedicated to assisting Tribal Nations in addressing access to comprehensive primary care throughout Indian Country. We look forward to your participation in the listening session and working with Tribal Leaders on this critical matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tonya Bowers
Acting Associate Administrator
Bureau of Primary Health Care