



Dear Tribal Leader:

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the primary federal agency for improving health care to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically vulnerable.

HRSA programs help those in need of high-quality primary health care, including people living with HIV/AIDS, pregnant women, and mothers. HRSA also supports the training of health professionals, the distribution of providers to areas where they are needed most, and improvements in health care delivery. HRSA oversees organ, bone marrow, and cord blood donation. It compensates individuals harmed by vaccination and maintains databases that protect against health care malpractice, waste, fraud, and abuse.

As part of HRSA's commitment to Indian Country's health care needs, this letter serves as official notice of HRSA's intent to hold its Annual Tribal Consultation. The consultation will be conducted in conjunction with the National Indian Health Board's 36th Annual National Tribal Health Conference on Monday, September 16, 2019, from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM (PDT), at the Pechanga Casino and Resort, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, CA 92592.

Please submit your testimony on health care issues that affect Indian Country or questions for HRSA no later than August 23, 2019, to aianhealth@hrsa.gov. If you are unable to submit your testimony prior to the consultation, please be prepared to provide five copies of your testimony at the start of the session.

I look forward to speaking with you and engaging in a meaningful dialogue.

Sincerely,

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George Sigounas, MS, Ph.D.
Administrator