

April 23, 2024

Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to initiate a Tribal Consultation on the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Tribal Consultation Policy and the scoring of Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA). The Consultation will be held on May 20, 2024, at the National Tribal Health Conference in Rapid City, South Dakota. HRSA anticipates spending 30 minutes gathering input on the agency's Consultation Policy and devoting the rest of the session listening to tribal perspectives regarding HPSAs.

HRSA is updating its [Tribal Consultation Policy](#), established in 2014, to ensure alignment with the Department of Health and Human Services' Tribal Consultation Policy revised in 2023 and the [Executive Order on Uniform Standards for Tribal Consultation issued in 2022](#). HRSA is also responding to requests from tribal leaders to address questions relating to HPSAs and how they are scored. HPSA scores have remained a priority topic across Indian Country since they impact the placement of National Health Service Corps providers.

Participant Information:

What: HRSA Tribal Consultation on the HRSA Tribal Consultation Policy and Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Scoring

Date: Monday, May 20, 2024

Time: 10:45am-12:45pm MST

If you are unable to attend, you are encouraged to send any written testimony or comments to tribalconsultation@hrsa.gov by May 1, 2024. For more information, please contact Dr. Juliana Blome, Director of the HRSA Office of Tribal Affairs at jblome@hrsa.gov.

HRSA encourages you to attend this Tribal Consultation and provide the critical input HRSA seeks to provide health care services. HRSA looks forward to engaging in meaningful dialogue to fully understand and consider the issues raised by tribal leaders.

Sincerely,

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