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Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to provide notice that the Indian Health Service (IHS) Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) Laboratory Accession Graphical User Interface (GUI) package (BLGU) will be decommissioned, effective October 31, 2022. Access to this package includes the RPMS Electronic Health Record (EHR) Lab Accession tab.

The RPMS BLGU is not being used due to errors in functionality. The BLGU has not been able to accession laboratory specimens since its rollout in 2013, and continues to generate error messages when utilized. Outreach has been done to confirm the BLGU package is not being used for other purposes.

The IHS-operated sites will need to uninstall the BLGU software, if they have not already done so, and the IHS recommends other RPMS EHR sites consider uninstalling the BLGU software as well. RPMS EHR enhancements (Patch 34) are projected for release by the end of October 2022, and instructions for uninstalling BLGU software will be released concurrently. These instructions will be available on the [RPMS website](#).

Sites should continue to use the RPMS Laboratory Package to accession lab orders.

If you need additional information or have questions, please e-mail Dr. Susy Postal, Chief Health Informatics Officer, Office of Information Technology, IHS, by email at Susy.Postal@ihs.gov or CDR Karen Romancito, RPMS Laboratory Informaticist, Office of Information Technology, IHS, by email at Karen.Romancito@ihs.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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