



October 1, 2024

Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to share information regarding the current status of fiscal year (FY) 2025 appropriations for the Indian Health Service (IHS).

As you know, the IHS received advance appropriations in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42), which provides \$5.2 billion in FY 2025 for nearly all programs in the IHS Services and Facilities accounts. The continuing enactment of advance appropriations was made possible through the collective efforts of Congress, the Administration, including the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, and our Tribal and Urban Indian Organization partners. Advance appropriations mean that the IHS is in a position to maintain continuity of operations with increased funding stability for the Indian health system. I am pleased to share that FY 2025 funds are available for obligation as of today, October 1.

On September 25, 2024, Congress enacted the Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (Public Law 118-83), funding the Federal Government through December 20, 2024. The FY 2025 Continuing Resolution does not impact the IHS advance appropriations as they were already appropriated in FY 2024 for FY 2025. The FY 2025 advance appropriations, third party collections, and carryover funds from previously appropriated funds are not limited to the pro-rata percentage applied by the continuing resolution, and the IHS has access to this full funding amount as of October 1. In the coming days, the IHS will begin distributing FY 2025 advance appropriations to IHS programs, Tribal Health Programs, and Urban Indian Organizations.

Activities that did not receive IHS advance appropriations, which include health care and sanitation facilities construction, the Electronic Health Record System, and the Indian Health Care Improvement Fund, will continue to operate using the pro-rata funding amount available under the FY 2025 Continuing Resolution and previously appropriated funds as they are available. Under the FY 2025 Continuing Resolution, the IHS also has the authority to fully fund all Contract Support Costs and Payments for Tribal Leases that are due during the Continuing Resolution period.

I want to thank each Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader for your continued dedication and contributions to the IHS mission and the American Indians and Alaska Natives that we serve.

Sincerely,

Roselyn Tso
Director