

Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to you today from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to invite your input on the draft *HHS Strategic Plan FY 2010 – 2015* by August 14, 2010.

Every three years, HHS updates its Strategic Plan, which describes its work to address complex and ever-evolving health, public health, research, and human service issues. This Strategic Plan has new content that incorporates the priorities of Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. All Operating and Staff Divisions within HHS have contributed to this draft so far. The draft *HHS FY 2010-2015 Strategic Plan* is available for public comment now, as required by the Government Performance and Results Act, to enable stakeholders to provide input.

HHS values its relationship with Tribes and your input is important to us as we look to the future of the Department's work. I would like to invite you to review the draft Strategic Plan and provide us with your comments by August 14, 2010. The draft Strategic Plan is available in a downloadable format through the HHS Web site and can be viewed online at: <http://www.hhs.gov/open/>. If you do not have Internet access, a hard copy can be requested from Audrey Mirsky-Ashby, at (202) 401-6640.

You may find the material under Goal 1 (Transform Health Care), Objective E (Ensure access to quality, culturally competent care for vulnerable populations) of particular interest. However, we would be glad to learn your thoughts on any parts of the draft Strategic Plan.

HHS is hosting two conference calls for American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes, tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations during the review period. Each of these calls will provide an overview of the plan and offer the opportunity for participants to share their preliminary thoughts and to ask questions. The calls will be held on August 3 and August 5, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time). The toll-free phone number for both calls is (866) 541-2289. When prompted, enter passcode 634876.

Comments on the draft plan can be submitted in several ways, by August 14, 2010:

Online: <http://www.hhs.gov/open/>

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Thank you for allowing me to share this information with you. I look forward to your input.

Sincerely,

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