Recommendations for the FY 2020 Indian Health Service Budget

“Partnering to Build a Strong and Sustainable Indian Health System: Honoring Tribal Sovereignty to Fulfill the Federal Trust Responsibility”

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The United States Constitution

Gives Congress Authority to Engage in Relations with Tribes

Declares Treaties as “Supreme Law of the Land”
LEGISLATIVE FOUNDATION:

Starting with the United States Constitution, Congress is given authority to engage in relations with Tribes & Treaties declared as “Supreme Law of the Land”

The Snyder Act of 1921
The Transfer Act of 1954
Indian Health Facilities Act & Indian Sanitation Facilities Act of 1959
The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (enacted 1975)
Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 1976, made Permanent in 2010
The Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 1986
The Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act of 1990
The Special Diabetes Program for Indians Act
AI/AN Direct Reimbursement Act
Tribal Law and Order Act
Violence Against Women Act

“Great Nations, like great men, should keep their word.”

Supreme Court Justice Whitaker
A Sustainable Indian Health System means resources must reflect a TRUE COMMITMENT by the federal government.
To Change Outcomes, New Resources *ARE* Required: Recommend Phasing in FULL Funding of IHS of $36 Billion for Medical Care and Replacing & Modernizing Health System Infrastructure over 12 Years
I. Commit to fully fund IHS at $36 Billion phased in over 12 years

II. Increase the President’s Budget Request to a total of $7 billion for the IHS in FY 2020 by adding at a minimum:

- $189.1 million for full funding of current services
- $276.1 million for binding fiscal obligations
- $1.5 billion for program increases for the most critical health issues (~36% above FY2017 Enacted).
Increase 36% over FY2017 IHS Enacted Budget: +$1.6 Billion
(Represents a Request of $7 Billion for IHS in FY2020)

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<td>• Health Care Facilities Construction Projects (Planned): +$83.3M</td>
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<td>• Staffing Costs for New Facilities (estimate): +$68.8M</td>
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<td>• New Tribes (estimate): +$0</td>
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<td><strong>Contract Support Costs (Estimate):</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Program Increases (Total): (Services: +$1.3M &amp; Facilities: +$220M)</strong></td>
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TOP 15 PRIORITIES FOR PROGRAM EXPANSION:

- Hospital & Clinics +$409.0 Million
- Purchased/Referred Care +$407.0 Million
- Mental Health +$157.2 Million
- Alcohol and Substance Abuse +$123.8 Million
- Dental Services +$98.3 Million
- Health Care Facilities Construction/Other Authorities +$81.4 Million
- Sanitation Facilities Construction +$72.5 Million
- Urban Indian Health +$32.7 Million
- Maintenance & Improvement +$32.5 Million
- Equipment +$24.1 Million
- Public Health Nursing +$21.9 Million
- Health Education +$20.0 Million
- Community Health Representatives (CHRs) +$18.9 Million
- Indian Health Professions +$16.2 Million
- Direct Operations +$6 Million
III. Support the Preservation of Medicaid, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and other Indian-specific provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-48)

IV. Fund Critical Infrastructure Improvements which impact patient care including
   • Health IT
   • Health Facilities and Construction Funding and Equipment

V. Advocate that Tribes and Tribal programs be permanently exempt from sequestration
VI. Support Advance Appropriations for the Indian Health Service

VII. Allow federally-operated health facilities and IHS headquarters the same flexibility to adjust programmatic funds across accounts to maximize efficiency and effective use of federal dollars at the local level

VIII. Support funding of Tribes outside of a grant-based system
White Buffalo Calf Woman instructed the people that as long as they performed the seven ceremonies, they would always remain caretakers and guardians of sacred land. The people would never die if they took care of the land and respected all things of Mother Earth.

White Buffalo Calf Woman promised to return again one day in the form of a white buffalo calf that would change colors four times as it grew. That event would be a sign that she would return again soon to purify the world and bring harmony, balance, and spirituality to all nations.

— From John Fire Lame Deer, Lakota Holy Man

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