Honoring the Federal Trust Responsibility: A New Partnership to Provide Quality Healthcare to America's First Citizens
Honoring the Federal Trust Responsibility

The United States Constitution

Gives Congress Authority to Engage in Relations with Tribes

 Declares Treaties as “Supreme Law of the Land”
“Great Nations, like great men, should keep their word.”

Supreme Court Justice Whitaker

SOLID 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
AN/AI Direct Reimbursement Act
Tribal Law and Order Act
Violence Against Women Act
“We, the citizens of America, are now joined in a great national effort to rebuild our country and restore its promise for all of our people.”

Renewing the Promise to Our First Americans

PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP
INAUGURAL ADDRESS
JAN. 20, 2017
Healthy People 2020 Leading Health Indicators Framework: Health Determinants and Health Outcomes by Life Stages

**HP2020 Suicides (MHMD-1)**
- 12.6 suicides per 100,000 population among American Indian or Alaska Native persons; more than twice the best group rate

**HP2020 Access to Health Services (AHS-1)**
- Increase the proportion of persons with health insurance
  - IHS coverage is far below health insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, VA or even the Prison system
  - To say that Tribal members have coverage because they are eligible for Indian Health Service programs glosses over the lack of true access in Indian country
A New Partnership for Quality:

*IF* we are *SERIOUS* about overcoming health disparities, we *MUST CHANGE* the current trajectory of the federal programs.
To Change Outcomes, New Resources ARE Required: Recommend Phasing in FULL Funding of IHS of $32 Billion for Medical Care and Replacing & Modernizing Health System Infrastructure over 12 Years
Tribal Budget Recommendations for FY2019

I. Commit to fully fund IHS at $32 Billion phased in over 12 years

II. Increase the Enacted budget for the IHS by a minimum of 33% for a total of 6.4 B in FY 2019:
   - +$169.1 Million for full funding of current services
   - +$252.1 Million for binding fiscal obligations, inc. CSC estimate
   - +$1.17 Billion for program expansion increases
### Increase 33% over FY2016 IHS Enacted Budget: +$1.6 Billion

*(Represents a Request of $6.4 Billion for IHS in FY2019)*

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<td>- Health Care Facilities Construction Projects (Planned): +$83.3M</td>
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**TOP 15 PRIORITIES FOR PROGRAM EXPANSION:**

1. Hospitals & Health Clinics ..............+$295.5 million
2. Purchased / Referred Care .............+$278.6 million
3. Mental Health ................................+$122.6 million
4. Alcohol & Substance Abuse ...........+$114.8 million
5. Dental Health ..................................+$ 67.2 million
6. Health Care Facilities Construction ..+$ 59.3 million
7. Sanitation Facilities Construction  ...+$ 44.8 million
8. Equipment ......................................+$ 32.4 million
9. Maintenance & Improvement ...........+$ 30.8 million
10. Community Health Reps. ..............+$ 29.5 million
11. Public Health Nursing .................+$ 24.5 million
12. Urban Indian Health .....................+$ 20.2 million
13. Health Education ..........................+$ 16.7 million
14. Indian Health Professions .............+$ 13.3 million
15. Facilities & Env. Health Support ....+$ 13.0 million
OTHER Tribal Budget Recommendations for FY2019

III. Support the Preservation of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and other Indian-specific provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-48)

IV. 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.

V. Advocate that Tribes and Tribal programs be permanently exempt from sequestration

VI. Support Advance Appropriations for the Indian Health Service
“Congress needs to be willing to put that investment into [IHS]. It is not asking too much. We make up 2% of the entire population of this country. We are the genocide survivors. It is not a big ask for this country to fund schools, health, our judicial systems at a level that allows us to live functional healthy lives.“

Jerilyn Church, Chief Executive Officer
Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Health Board
February 3, 2016
“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