

# INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

(dollars in millions)

	1999 <u>Actual</u>	2000 <u>Enacted</u>	2001 <u>Request</u>	Request <u>+/- Enacted</u>
Program Level.....	\$2.669	\$2.831	\$3.060	+\$229
FTE.....	14,586	14,673	14,823	+150

## SUMMARY

The Indian Health Service's FY 2001 budget request is \$3.1 billion, an increase of \$229 million over FY 2000. The budget is composed of \$2.6 billion in new budget authority and \$440 million in reimbursements. This ten percent increase in budget authority—the largest requested increase in over two decades—reflects the impact of the Department's tribal budget consultations and a continuing Federal Government commitment to provide for the health of members of Federally recognized Tribes. Reimbursements include an estimated \$405 million in Medicare, Medicaid and private health insurance collections for the treatment of Indian people.

## AGENCY DESCRIPTION

IHS provides health care to 1.5 million American Indians and Alaska Natives who are members of some 560 Federally recognized Tribes. Medical and dental care is provided directly through a network of 49 hospitals, 209 health centers and 285 health stations, satellite clinics, school health centers and Alaska village clinics. These facilities are located primarily in Oklahoma, the Northern Plains, Alaska, the Southwest and along the Pacific Coast. Care provided in IHS facilities is supplemented with care purchased from private sector hospitals and health professionals. IHS also provides preventive health services, through

public health nurses and community health representatives, mental health services, alcohol/substance abuse prevention/treatment and provides water, waste water and solid waste disposal systems for Indian communities. In many areas, health services are provided by local Tribes under contract with IHS. In FY 2001 approximately 44 percent of IHS's budget will be tribally controlled. Funding is also provided to urban health grantees operating in 41 cities with large concentrations of Indian people.

## CLINICAL, PREVENTIVE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The FY 2001 budget includes \$2.4 billion for clinical preventive and environmental health activities, an increase of \$160 million, or seven percent. The additional funds will be used primarily to address a growing population of Indian eligibles, responding to specific diseases/health conditions identified through Tribal consultation, and cover pay and other operating costs.

### POPULATION INCREASES

The budget contains an additional \$53 million to maintain access to health care as the Indian population increases. Since 1990, the population eligible for services has increased by 27 percent. Within this total, \$41 million will be directed to the Contract Health Services program which purchases care from the private sector. Per capita