

National Indian Health Board



Delivered via electronic transmission to <yvette.roubideaux@ihs.gov>

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RE: Confirmation of Attendance & Issues for the July 26th, 2011 Medicare, Medicaid and Health Reform Policy Committee (MMPC) Meeting

Dear Dr. Roubideaux,

As a follow up to my June 3, 2011 letter of invite, I want to thank you for your commitment to Indian health and confirmation to participate in the MMPC face-to-face meeting to be held in Washington, D.C. on July 26, 2011. In preparation for the meeting, the MMPC has identified a list of our top issues that we would like to engage in with you during this discussion.

These issues include:

1. Finalization of NIHB Cooperative Agreement for FY2011
2. Need for Additional IHS Resources for MMPC
3. Advancing 405 (c) – Billing of VA
4. IHS Staff and MMPC collaboration on Regulations
5. Coordination of Messages with CMS, OMB, etc.
6. Status of Behavioral Health Strategic Plan
7. Available Data Resources

We have scheduled this discussion from **3:30 to 5:00 pm**. The meeting will be held:

Date: Tuesday, July 26, 2011

Hotel Location: Holiday Inn, 550 C Street S.W. Washington, DC 20024, (202) 479-4000

Meeting Room Name: Columbia Ballroom

A/V equipment provided: A laptop, projector and screen will be provided.



The MMPC greatly appreciates the opportunity to have an interactive dialogue with you on these issues and priorities. On behalf of NIHB and MMPC we wish to express our sincere thanks for your commitment to improving the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives and helping to make the MMPC July 2011 Face to Face meeting a success. Please contact us if you require any additional information and we look forward to our upcoming meeting and discussions with you. Thank you.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Sally Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

H. Sally Smith
Chairwoman, MMPC

cc: Stacy Bohlen, Executive Director, NIHB
Cathy Abramson, Chair, NIHB