



**2016 TRIBAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH &  
HUMAN SERVICES**



**National Tribal Budget  
Formulation Workgroup Presentation  
HHS 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Budget Consultation**

**A PROMISE KEPT: *HONORING OUR TRUST AND  
INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE TOGETHER***

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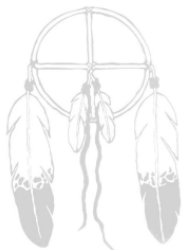
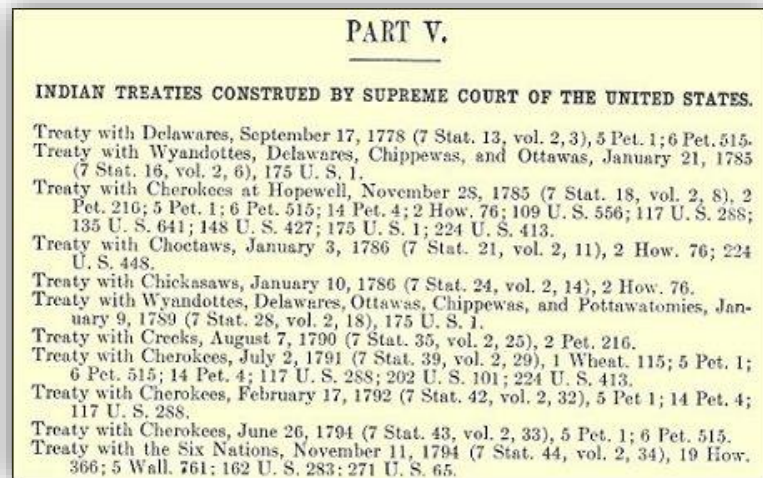
- **Vice President Rex Lee  
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# A PROMISE KEPT:

## Legal Sovereign Contracts...



..... A Promise for Generations



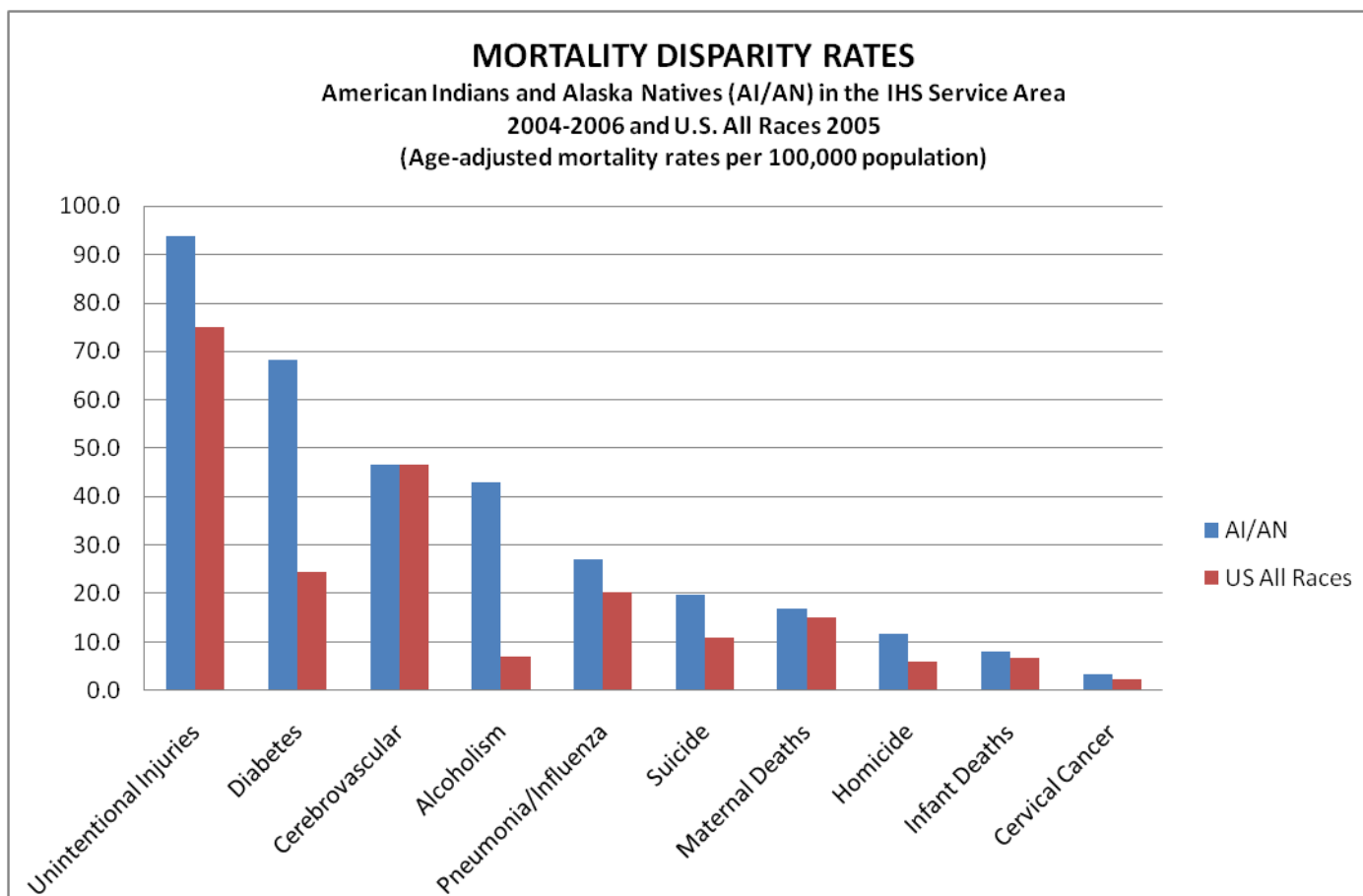
# **HONORING OUR TRUST**

## ***BY HONORING THE UNITED STATES & TRIBAL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIP***

- **United States Constitution**
- **The Snyder Act of 1921**
- **The Transfer Act of 1954**
- **Indian Sanitation Facilities and Services Action of 1959**
- **The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (enacted 1975)**
- **Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 1976**
- **The Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 1986**
- **The Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act of 1990**



# INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE TOGETHER TO *FINALLY* END GROWING HEALTH DISPARITIES





## Our Budget Recommendations for FY2016

- I. **\$28.7B** Total Tribal Needs Budget Phased-in over 12 Yrs
- II. **17.58% increase** from FY2014 Enacted Budget\*
- III. **Restore Cuts/Shortfalls in FY2013-15** resulting from sequestration & inadequate increases to cover Congressionally mandated budget categories and inflation for Continuing Services & Binding Obligations
- IV. **Permanent Exemption** from Sequestration
- V. **\$300M** to implement new authorities under IHClA to address prevention

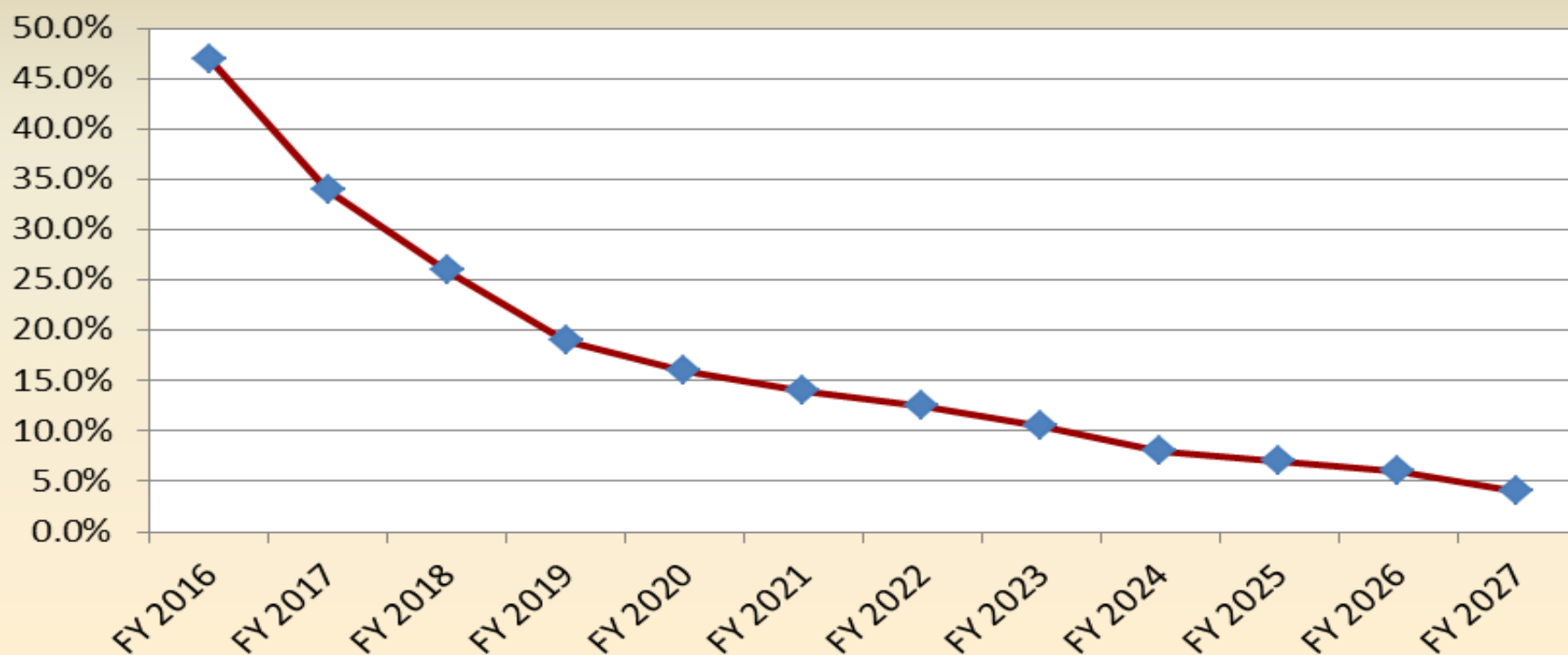
\*includes placeholder estimates for CSC, Staffing for new facilities & new Tribes



I.

## Phase In Full Funding of IHS: \$28.7Billion Over 12 Years

**Percent of Increases Needed to Achieve Full Funding in 12 Years - \$28.7 billion**







II.

## 17.58% Increase over FY2014 IHS Enacted Budget

*Represents a Total Budget Request of \$5.2 Billion for IHS*

Increases:	Recommended:
Fully Fund Current Services	\$188.8 Million
<b>Binding Agreements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Contract Support Costs for New and Expanded Programs: +\$42,593,000</li><li>Health Care Facilities Construction Projects: +\$75,000,000</li><li>Staffing Costs for New Facilities: +\$62,500,000</li><li>New Tribes - +\$13,895,000</li></ul>	\$194 Million
<b>Program Increases</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Purchased/Referred Care (CHS): +\$145,402,000</li><li>Hospitals &amp; Health Clinics: +\$98,339,000</li><li>Mental Health: +\$42,317,000</li><li>Alcohol/Substance Abuse: +\$34,524,000</li><li>Health Care Facilities and Other Authorities: +\$15,981,000</li></ul>	\$336.6 Million



## **17.58% Increase over FY2014 IHS Enacted Budget**

### **Top 5 National Tribal Budget Priorities**

- 1) Purchased/Referred Care (CHS): +\$145,402,000**
- 2) Hospitals & Health Clinics: +\$98,339,0**
- 3) Mental Health: +\$42,317,000**
- 4) Alcohol/Substance Abuse: +\$34,524,000**
- 5) Health Care Facilities & Other  
Authorities: +\$15,981,000**





**III.**

## **Restore Cuts/Shortfalls in FY2013-15**

- **Human Impact of FY2013 \$217M sequester from IHS Services & Facilities:**
  - Facility closures
  - Health Services cut or curtailed
  - Care denied; Contract care reduced to treat only Priority I (life or limb) patients
  - Employees terminated or furloughed
- **FY 2014 budget did not restore sequestration for Services Budget**





III.

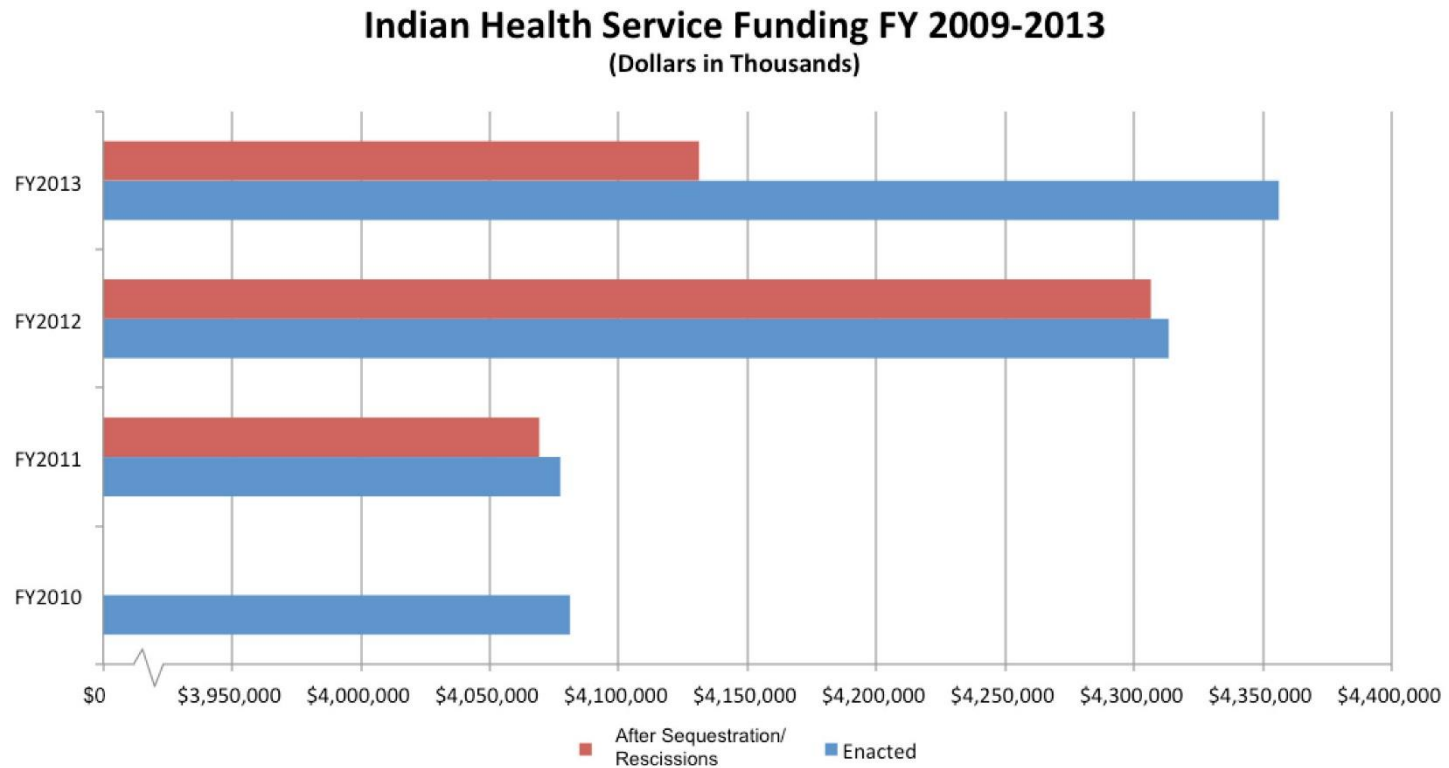
## **Restore Cuts/Shortfalls in FY2013-15 (cont'd)**

- **FY2014 Increase mandated for Contract Support Costs & Shortfall, and Staffing Obligations for New Facilities**
- **FY2015 Increase includes mandate to Fund 100% Contract Support Costs**
- **Mandates absorbed all increases & left NO funds to address national Tribal budget priorities**





# Restore Sequestration from FY 2013 and Preserve Current Services





#### IV.

## Hold Tribes and Tribal Programs Harmless from Sequestration in FY 2016 & Beyond

- Tribes should not be forced to subsidize the federal Trust responsibility
- Recommend to Congress that Tribal Health Services be exempt from future sequestration

*“Our country’s financial troubles are not really stemming from our obligations to Indian Country, and frankly, we’re not doing a good job in fulfilling those obligations.”*

*Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA)*

*November 14, 2013*



**V.**

## **Fund Indian Health Care Improvement Act New Authorities**

### **IHCIA:**

- Updates and modernizes health delivery services**
- Establishes continuum of care through integrated behavioral health programs**
- All provisions advance the health care of AI/AN peoples and *must* implemented**
- Requires meaningful investment of resources to improve long-term health outcomes & reduce costs associated w/disease burden**



## Other Policy Recommendations

- **Advance Appropriations for the IHS**
  - Will allow I/T/Us to have a better knowledge of budgets leading to a better continuum of care
  - Will have better ability to hire and keep medical professionals
  - Will save administrative costs







## **Other Policy Recommendations (cont'd)**

- **Medicare Like Rates for Non-hospital Purchased/Referred Care (PRC)**
  - Will save millions annually at no cost to the government for care provided
  - IHS the only government agency not paying Medicare like rates for care

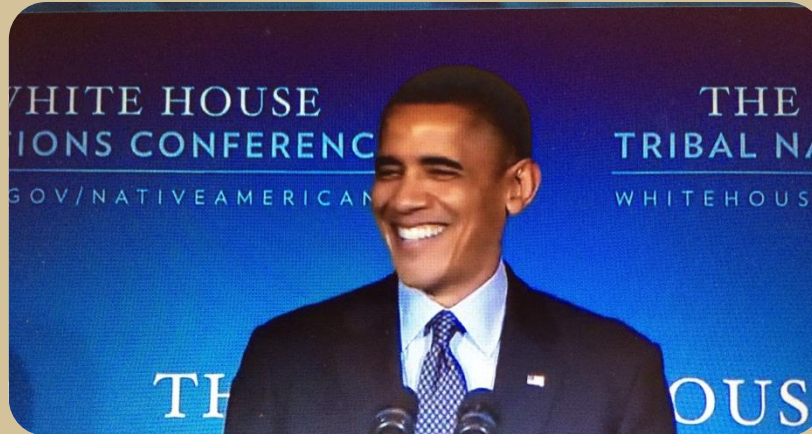


In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations.

- [Iroquois](#) Maxim (circa 1700-1800)



## *The Promise Kept: The Obama Legacy*



***“After I became President, I said that given the painful chapters and broken promises in our shared history, I'd make sure this country kept its promises to you.”***

*President Barack Obama  
November 2013 White House Tribal Nations Summit*





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