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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the primary federal agency for improving access to health care by strengthening the health care workforce, building healthy communities and achieving health equity. HRSA's programs provide health care to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically vulnerable.

As part of HRSA's ongoing commitment to Indian Country's health care needs, this letter serves as official notice of HRSA's intent to consult with Tribes to review HRSA's Tribal Consultation Policy. According to the stated policy, "*HRSA will review and if necessary, revise its Tribal Consultation Policy no less than every 2-years.*" It has been 2 years since the previous update took place on March 28, 2012.

For your review, please see HRSA's current Tribal Consultation Policy (attached). Please provide your feedback in track changes/comment box format to the attached Word version of the policy, and submit your comments to us via email to [aianhealth@hrsa.gov](mailto:aianhealth@hrsa.gov), no later than **June 27, 2014**. HRSA's next Tribal Consultation is planned for September 8, 2014, in conjunction with the National Indian Health Board meeting. HRSA intends to review your suggested revisions and feedback in order to prepare a draft revised policy for review and further discussion during the September 8 Tribal Consultation meeting. This will allow us to have an interactive exchange of ideas and information. Additional details for the upcoming Tribal Consultation are forthcoming and will be posted on HRSA's website under the AI/AN Health link: (<http://www.hrsa.gov/publichealth/community/indianhealth/index.html>).

We look forward to working with you as this effort helps us to effectively align programs that improve HRSA's efforts in addressing health care issues that impact Indian Country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary K. Wakefield".

Mary K. Wakefield, Ph.D., R.N.  
Administrator

Attachment